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Investigation continues into Moeser Lane crash

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — The California Highway Patrol and the El Cerrito Police Department are investigating the cause of an accident that sent a runaway dump truck down Moeser Lane, crashing into several vehicles, and into a home at Moeser Lane and Richmond Street, setting the home ablaze and knocking out power to thousands.

The brakes were working but the driver (to which they were stopped) the truck is inconclusive," said El Cerrito Police Chief Scott Kirkland. "It's not a question that can be answered now."

The incident was discussed at Sept. 15 meeting, where one Council member said it was "a call" for the city to

address traffic safety in the next month or two.

The high-profile accident occurred at 1:25 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 26. The driver of a 10-wheeled dump truck lost control of the truck and barreled down Moeser Lane, crashing into several vehicles, and into a home at Moeser Lane and Richmond Street, setting the home ablaze and knocking out power to thousands.

Nine people, including the driver, were injured, though all were expected to make a full recovery, said City Manager Scott Hanin.

The investigation into the cause of the crash continues. Moeser Lane, from Navellier Street to Arlington Boulevard,

has a weight limit of eight tons. The truck weighed at least twice that amount, Mosby said. But why the truck lost control is still unknown.

"Hopefully we'll have that investigation wrapped up in a week or two," said El Cerrito Police Chief Scott Kirkland.

Meanwhile, the City Council unanimously approved allocating an emergency \$125,000 to pay for replacement and repair of traffic signal equipment at Moeser Lane and Richmond Street. The traffic signal was damaged during the accident.

The Contra Costa County General Services Division is un-

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TEMPORARY STOP signs at the El Cerrito intersection of Richmond and Moeser Lane have taken the place of a traffic signal destroyed after a 10-wheel dump truck lost control coming down Moeser Lane. The truck crashed into the house on the north west corner (pictured) which is now being razed.



SECT WEATHER brought some 150,000 people out to the Solano Stroll for food, music, shopping and fun on Sunday, Sept. 14.

3 Solano Stroll a breath of fresh air

oil fuel-burning
banned from this
Albany festival

By Tom Lochner

STAFF WRITER

Something was missing from kicking off Sunday's Avenue Stroll, and that was fine by the musicians, wind players, of the Cal-percussions marching band, and the gas-burning art cars and the politicians' vehicles relegated to parking on the wide streets and a tiny sliver of the avenue, which runs through parts of Albany and

Berkeley.

"I've been behind them; I've had to breathe their fumes," said Carol, who gave only a first name, a clarinet player with the band that was started about 20 years ago by alumni of UC Davis. "As a musician, I wouldn't want that."

The theme for Sunday's Stroll, the East Bay's largest street festival, was "Imagine... Blooms of Hope," and if the first word conjured up memories of the 1971 John Lennon peace song, that wasn't accidental.

"(We) had to come up with the Stroll theme while we were at war with Iraq, and that made it

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THE OH MY GOD art car by Harrod Blank passes through the Solano Stroll as it makes its way to the art car stall Sunday.

Parents object to large classes at Albany High

omore English
miss out on class-
on efforts due to
lack of funds

By Alan Lopez

STAFF WRITER

ANY — Parent Merry believes her daughter, a

sophomore at Albany High School, is lacking an important aid to learning and going on to a good college: an English class with no more than 20 students.

In prior years, sophomores have had the advantage of having smaller English class sizes. That's not the case this year. Albany English teacher Elizabeth Dubravac said her two classes now have 29 and 30 students

each.

"The increasing numbers inevitably mean less personal attention to each student," Dubravac said.

The sophomore English class size reduction program is a victim of district budget cuts and it has roused some parents to question the school district's decisions about it and whether the sophomore class is being treated fairly.

Several parents expressed their frustrations at a recent school board meeting.

The president of the Albany School Board and the Albany School District superintendent maintain the board made fair decisions, given the district's financial problems. The entire district is suffering, said Albany

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School bond fails to make the grade

■ West Contra Costa district's \$450 million Measure C falls short of two-thirds needed to pass

By Kara Shire

STAFF WRITER

Voters on Tuesday rejected West Contra Costa's bid for another \$450 million in school construction bonds, ending plans to rebuild more than half the district's aging campuses.

With all precincts and absentee ballots counted, 59.1 percent of voters favored Measure C, far short of the needed two-thirds approval. The Contra Costa County elections office is expected to release certified election results next week.

"It's very disappointing, primarily because we have so many schools that need to be repaired," said school board member George Harris III. "Even our opponents agreed that our schools are in terrible shape and need to be repaired."

The \$450 million school construction bond had enjoyed wide support among trade unions, teachers and parents who said students and teachers deserved better learning and working environments.

But others, including residents, parents and the Contra Costa Taxpayers Association, which had supported all but one school bond in the past decade, argued against Measure C. They questioned the school district's spending of two prior bonds and criticized the timing of Tuesday's special election.

Sue Pricco, a Hercules resident and member of For the Kids We Care, a group against the bond measure, said voters sent school district officials a decisive message.

"The message is we want responsible spending, we want a fiscal accounting and we want honesty," said Pricco, who ran unsuccessfully for school board last year.

"This is where the line was drawn. People said enough is enough. You haven't done what you've promised before, we're not giving you anymore." The school board placed Measure C on the ballot in June after it became clear the district's \$450 million in already approved school bonds would fall far short of fixing all of West Contra Costa's aging campuses.

The school district's two earlier

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MEASURE C

"To continue repairing all of our schools, improve classroom safety, and relieve overcrowding, by: building additional classrooms; making seismic upgrades; repairing and renovating bathrooms and leaking roofs, and making fire safety, electrical, plumbing, heating and ventilation system improvements; shall the West Contra Costa Unified School District issue \$450 million in bonds at legal rates and within authorized debt limits, to repair, acquire, construct and upgrade school facilities, with annual audits, a citizens' oversight committee and no money for administrators' salaries?"

Required two-thirds voter approval.

Yes: 59.1%
No: 40.9%

*With absentee ballots and all precincts counted. Certified results expected Sept. 26.

School district weighs options

■ Now that Measure C has failed, a disappointed school board shifts focus to a parcel tax election

By Kara Shire

STAFF WRITER

The vote against the \$450 million Measure C school bond leaves dozens of outdated and dilapidated West Contra Costa campuses without the money to — needed — and long expected — repairs.

School board members said Wednesday that they again will ask voters to approve a school construction bond. But for now, they said, the focus must shift to winning a March parcel tax election.

"We have so many needs in our district," said school board member George Harris III.

"We've already been told that we should anticipate a shortfall of up to \$20 million for fiscal year '04-05. We know we have to do something about our educational programs. A parcel tax is the way neighboring school districts have done it."

The parcel tax, which has not been officially placed on any ballot, has been proposed as a way

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INFORMATION FOR LIFE

NEWS BRIEFS

Albany

City set for Waterfront Cleanup day

Join volunteers Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to noon for Albany's Waterfront Cleanup and Work Day. Albany's portion of the cleanup event includes trash and debris collection along Albany's shoreline and Bay Trail Restoration mulching.

Meet at the foot of Buchanan Street Extension (Albany Beach). Bring gloves, hat, sunscreen and sturdy shoes; garbage bags and coffee will be provided. For information, call Albany Environmental Resources at 510-528-5766.

Fire-prevention week to end in pancakes

Albany's fire department will observe fire-prevention week Oct. 5-11, finishing with an open house and pancake breakfast from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 11 at the Albany fire station.

Tickets for the breakfast are \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids 6-12. Kids under 6 are free. There will be eggs, sausage, pancakes, orange juice and coffee.

The open house includes a live fire demonstration and instruction in the use of fire extinguishers, signups for smoke detector installations and CPR/first aid classes.

The address is 1000 San Pablo Ave and is located directly behind Albany City Hall and the police department. For information, call 510-528-5778.

Waterfront committee needs new member

Applicants are being sought for one four-year position on the city's waterfront committee. The committee advises the City Council on issues related to the preservation and enhancement of the Albany waterfront.

People interested should contact the Albany city clerk at 510-528-5720. The council will schedule interviews.

Berkeley

Farmers market set for Sept. 27

On Saturday, Sept. 27, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Berkeley farmers market at Civic Center Park, Center Street at Martin Luther King Jr. Way, will feature its first string band convention, which will include a string band contest, followed by a community dance.

Suzi Thomson of the Bluegrass Intentions and the California Cajun Orchestra, will host the free event, which is co-sponsored by KPFA radio. Mary Tilson, of KPFA, will emcee.

For details, call 510-548-3333 or go online at www.ecologycenter.org.

El Cerrito

Library book sale starts tomorrow

The Friends of the El Cerrito Library will hold its annual fall book sale beginning Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave.

On Sunday, the sale will continue with all books half-priced. The remainder will be offered at a bag sale on Saturday, Sept. 27, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The selection will include fiction, science, travel, history, sports, humor, literature, business, philosophy, women, nature, art, cookbooks, biography, paperbacks, children's books, video, records, tapes and more.

The Friends of the El Cerrito Library is dedicated to improving library services in the city. Through membership donations and book-sale earnings, the friends provide the library with books, tapes, magazines and compact discs. It also provides children's and cultural programs for the community, including matching grants for special collections for the El Cerrito Library.

Banquet to mark church's anniversary

The St. Peter C.M.E. Church in El Cerrito will hold its 50th anniversary, gold and black banquet Saturday, Sept. 27, at the Doubletree Hilton Berkeley Marina, 200 Marin Blvd., in Berkeley. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. The attire is semi-formal. For ticket information, call 510-233-5559.

NEAT program to teach first aid, CPR

The NEAT Program will offer a \$20 First Aid and Adult CPR class on Saturday, Oct. 25, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Priority is given to El Cerrito and Kensington residents. Space is limited and reservations are required. To reserve, call the El Cerrito-Kensington Fire Department at 510-215-4450.

The Fire Department offers the NEAT Program to promote emergency preparedness and safety for El Cerrito and Kensington.

In addition to First Aid & CPR, the NEAT Program will also offer a comprehensive emergency preparedness training course, which is currently being re-designed consistent with new federal guidelines relating to homeland security. It is planned that this new course will be offered in 2004.

Workshop to cover identity theft

Learn how to reduce the chances of becoming an innocent victim of identity theft by attending an identity theft workshop at 7 p.m., Tuesday at the El Cerrito Community Center, 6500 Stockton Ave.

The workshop is sponsored by the El Cerrito Crime Prevention Committee, in cooperation with the El Cerrito City Council and the El Cerrito Police Department. Topics to be covered include credit card theft and fraud, phone card theft and check fraud.

Reservations are required. Call the crime prevention committee at 510-215-4414, ext. 30 or by e-mail at crimeprevention@ci-el-cerrito-ca.us. Leave a name, phone number and number of people who wish to attend.

Democratic Club to meet on Tuesday

The El Cerrito Democratic Club general membership meeting will be held Tuesday at 8 p.m., in the sanctuary of the Northminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury Ave.

The business meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. and the program begins at 8 p.m.

The program will consist of a panel discussion on how schools are doing in California. Are we leaving our children behind? How do unfunded state and federal mandates impact the classroom? To answer those questions, the teachers' perspective will be presented by a panel of local school teachers, led by Pixie Hayward Schick-ele, member of the California Teachers' Association Board of Directors, representative for Contra Costa and most of Alameda counties, and second-grade teacher in Hercules. Joining her will be Bob Fabini, El Cerrito High science teacher, and Linda Takimoto, teacher at Castro elementary school in El Cerrito.

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Albany gets on board bus shelter program

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — The three-sided green kiosk stands about 7 feet high. On one side is an image of what appears to be a homeless woman, with a plea to give to the United Negro College Fund. Another side advises parents to participate in their child's education, with a phone number to call.

The advertisements, which sit at the corner of San Pablo and Solano avenues, are part of a program to build 17 new bus shelters around the city. The shelters have been popping up over the last several months in Albany and several other East Bay cities, and more are expected.

The shelters are intended to encourage bus riding by protecting people from the elements while they wait.

The maintenance of the shelters is funded by advertising. For every four shelters with an ad, one goes without, said Albany community development director Ann Chaney.

The city signed an agreement with AC Transit and outdoor advertising company Lamar Outdoor Corporation to have the shelters built and maintained. Other cities, including Berkeley, Emeryville, Fremont, Hayward, Newark and San Leandro, also signed the agreement.

"The city will make a small amount on ads, if they're paid ads," said Mayor Jewel Okawachi. "Lamar Advertising is going to



NEW BUS advertisements have been placed at the Albany bus stop at San Pablo Avenue in Albany.

maintain them, so it won't cost the city anything to maintain them."

In general city officials were happy with the improvements and liked that they were an encouragement to ride the bus.

However, the council has discussed the shelters at its two most recent meetings, particularly a concern about the bus stops on either side of San Pablo Avenue just south of Solano Avenue.

On the west side of San Pablo

there is no shelter, but a bench and the three-sided green kiosk, one side of which shows a map and bus schedule. AC Transit has agreed to install a shelter there eventually.

Councilman Robert Good said he didn't understand why AC Transit had placed advertisements there without a bus shelter. "It's unacceptable," he said. "It's not permitted by the contract and I don't know why they thought they

were going to get away

Chaney said there had been an issue with the narrow sidewalk, which would make the bus shelter too close to Tero's restaurant.

Another shelter will be across the street, on the side of San Pablo Avenue just south of Solano Avenue, after a minimum complex is completed.

ALBANY POLICE

Tuesday, Sept. 9

■ **VEHICLE RECOVERED** — Officers located on the 1300 block of Solano Avenue a 1992 Lexus sedan that had been reported stolen from the 1500 block of Solano Avenue. They did not have anyone in custody.

Wednesday, Sept. 10

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — During the night, someone stole a black Honda Civic from the 1000 block of Kains Avenue. There were no witnesses.

■ **ROBBERY** — About 11:15 a.m., a business on the 900 block of San Pablo Avenue reported being robbed by a male juvenile. The robber was last seen heading north on the Kains Avenue and was gone when officers arrived.

Thursday, Sept. 11

■ **CAR CHASE** — Shortly before 6 a.m., officers responded to the 600 block San Carlos Street on reports of an apparent prowler crouching between cars on the street. Officers observed two subjects. One fled on foot

and was not caught. The other, who appeared to be siphoning gas from a car, fled in a gray '85 BMW, was chased by officers and subsequently crashed at the tollbooth on the Bay Bridge. The vehicle was found to be stolen from Berkeley. The driver, a 23-year-old Berkeley woman, was arrested for possession of stolen property, failure to yield to an officer and driving without a license. She was cited and taken to Santa Rita Jail.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A Hayward resident reported that during the night, thieves stole his red '87 Honda Civic that was parked on the 600 block of San Carlos Street.

Friday, Sept. 12

■ **REPEAT OFFENDER** — About noon, officers responded to a residence on the 600 block of Santa Fe Avenue on reports of an altercation between a mother and her son over personal items. A check found that the son, a 27-year-old Albany man, had an outstanding warrant from Concord for causing corporal injury. He was arrested and transported to Santa Rita Jail. Two days later, on Sept. 14, officers were again called to the residence because the son had returned

and refused to leave. When he threatened his mother, she placed him under citizen's arrest. Officers cited him for trespassing and making threats and again transported him to Santa Rita Jail.

Saturday, Sept. 13

■ **VANDALISM** — A resident on the 1300 block of Solano Avenue reported that vandals broke a window of his pickup truck while it was parked on Key Route Boulevard. There were no witnesses.

■ **STOLEN CAR FOUND** — A resident on the 900 block of Peralta Avenue reported that a gray '89 Toyota Camry had been parked in his driveway all day. A check found that that it had been reported stolen from Berkeley. The owner was notified and picked up the vehicle.

■ **CAR BREAK-IN** — A resident on the 700 block of Kains Avenue reported that during the night, thieves had broken into her burgundy '89 Toyota Camry and stolen items from inside.

Monday, Sept. 15

■ **OUTSTANDING WARRANT** — About

EL CERRITO POLICE

Monday, Sept. 1

■ **BURGLARY** — Tools were taken from a garage on the 8000 block of Terrace Drive between 3 and 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 3

■ **DRUG POSSESSION** — A 65-year-old Richmond man was arrested on suspicion of possessing rock cocaine and drug paraphernalia behind El Cerrito Plaza at 9 p.m. Police contacted the man after seeing him rummaging inside a car. During their contact, police learned that the man was on parole for burglary. They found the drugs and drug paraphernalia while searching him. The man was booked and taken to the Martinez jail.

Thursday, Sept. 4

■ **BREAK-IN** — It was reported that the padlock of a storage shed was broken on the 2500 block of Edwards Street within three to four days prior.

■ **VEHICLE BURGLARY** — Golf clubs and change were taken from a vehicle on the 7400 block of Terrace Drive between 8 p.m. Sept. 4 and 8 a.m. the next day.

Friday, Sept. 5

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A burgundy 1989 Honda Civic was taken from El Cerrito Plaza between 2:15 and 3 p.m.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 1991 Toyota Camry was stolen from the 5700 block of Fern Avenue between 9:50 p.m. on Sept. 5 and 1:05 a.m. the next day.

Saturday, Sept. 6

■ **VEHICLE RECOVERED** — A stolen 1980 Ford Econoline Van was recovered on the 10600 block of San Pablo Avenue. It was reported stolen to the California Highway Patrol and Marin police on Sept. 2.

Sunday, Sept. 7

■ **SHOPLIFTING** — A 23-year-old Richmond man was arrested at 5:57 p.m. on suspicion of attempting to steal clothing from Ross Dress for Less at El Cerrito Plaza. According to Ross employees, the man put on some of the items and he concealed others in a backpack he was carrying. The man walked out of the store without paying and was detained by

store security. Police found the man in possession of syringes and determined he was under the influence of narcotics, according to the report. He was taken to the Martinez jail.

Monday, Sept. 8

■ **BURGLARY** — Two men were seen loading items from an apartment on the 1700 block of Lexington Ave. into a red car between 9:30 and 10 a.m. The apartment was entered by prying open a sliding glass door. It was also ransacked. The items taken included a DVD player and jewelry.

Tuesday, Sept. 9

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — Two men were arrested on suspicion of possessing a stolen 1991 Honda Civic during a traffic stop at Calaveras and Elm Street at 9:30 a.m. The vehicle was found at Elm Street and Circle.

— Alan Lopez

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Neighbors

Wedding anniversaries celebrated at historic church

By Mary Reilly
STAFF WRITER

Couples are sharing the joy with St. John Missionary Baptist Church in Richmond on Sept. 27, during the church's anniversary celebration dinner. John continues the way it was 60 years ago, as a congregation built on prayer and love. A group of Richmond residents came together as the church's Band during the city's War II population explosion, hoping to organize a

The first building opened in 1944 at 47th Street and Avenue in Richmond, and the second was built within a few years at the current site, 662 1/2 St. The Rev. Kevin B. Williams has been pastor since September 1994, the seventh pastor of St. John's.

The church's motto changed from "A Church on the Move for Christ" to "A Kingdom-Building Church in the New Millennium."

Some of those who have been building and building since the church's early years will be honored at the dinner because their wedding anniversaries coincide with the church's.

The honorees are Thomas and Margaret Doyle and Margaret Mitchell of El Cerrito, and residents Elighah and Ruth Burros. Alfred and Matlyne Eubanks, and Ulysses and Hazel Jordan.

The dinner will be at 7 p.m. Sept. 27 at the Richmond Community Center, 1 Markovich Lane. Tickets are \$40, and the deadline for reservations is Saturday. For ticket information, call 510-234-XXXX.

The stories of the long-wedded tales tell of young love, romance, commitment, service to the community, hard work and family.

Straight out of an old-fashioned story, Thomas Burros and the former Ruth Wadkins' home one day when she was in high school. Although they dated for a while that day, they didn't start dating until Ruth

was courted four years, and they were married by correspondence. Thomas had moved to San Jose, but came back to his sweetheart Sept. 17, in Beaumont, Texas. The



HERMAN BUSTAMANTE JR./STAFF

CELEBRATING 60 or more years of wedded bliss are (left to right) Ulysses and Hazel Jordan, Elighah and Mattie Cable, Alfred and Matlyne Eubanks and Thomas and Ruth Burros. They and two other couples will be honored Sept. 27 at the 60th anniversary celebration of St. John Missionary Baptist Church in Richmond.

newlyweds returned to San Francisco, later moving to El Cerrito. They owned a restaurant in downtown Richmond until 1972, when they bought a convenience store in Oakland. Ruth Burros has been a homemaker since their marriage, but helped out in their businesses, she said, while raising their three children. They have two grandchildren.

■ As a junior high school teacher, the former Margaret Mason's older sister found notes from one of her students, Doyle Mitchell. The notes said, "I sure love your sister" and "I am going to marry your sister." He and Margaret were married Dec. 28, 1942, in Little Rock, Ark., and raised seven children. They have 18 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Doyle worked at Mare Island Naval Shipyard until he retired in 1984, and Margaret Mitchell, a homemaker, has always been involved in community and volunteer work.

■ The Cables were neighbors as children, and married Jan. 31, 1939, in Tallulah, La. Elighah worked for the Richmond Housing Authority and retired in 1985. Mattie was a nurse for 25 years, first at Highland Hospital in Oakland, and then at Contra Costa

County's Merrithew Memorial Hospital in Martinez. She retired in 1988. Both are active members of the church, he on the deacon board and she as a Sunday school teacher. Mattie also works in drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs at the church.

They have eight children, 22 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

■ The McCranes also were childhood sweethearts, and married Sept. 26, 1944, in Carrolton, Miss. Robert was in the Army for 11 1/2 years, and worked for the Naval Supply Center in Oakland and the San Francisco Mint, retiring in 1973. Stella worked for six years at the Del Monte Cannery, formerly in Oakland. They have been members of St. John's since 1949, participating in several ministries there over the years, including music.

Their three children have given them seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

■ Ulysses Jordan spied the young Hazel Banks when he went to get water in the rural community where she came to live with her aunt. The couple married Sept. 3, 1940, in Baton Rouge, La., and had 11 children. They have 35 grandchildren and 39 great-grandchildren.

A lifetime member of Carpenters Union Local 719, Ulysses worked all over Central and Northern California from 1939 until he retired in 1984. Hazel Jordan worked for the Del Monte Cannery in both Emeryville and Oakland. He is a deacon in the church, and she a deaconess and member of Ruth's Circle. He is also a lifetime member of the NAACP in Richmond.

■ Introduced by a friend, it was love at first sight for the Eubanks. They married Aug. 26, 1941, in Fort Worth, Texas. Alfred retired in 1971, after working 29 years for the federal government. Matlyne was a central services manager at then-Brookside Hospital in San Pablo, retiring in 1986, after 31 years at the facility. Members of St. John's since 1947, the Eubanks have helped in several church and community groups. She organized the church's hospitality ministry and was its first chairperson.

They have three children, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Anniversaries are a good time to step back and reflect on accomplishments and challenges. The program at the Sept. 27 celebration will give participants a chance to do just that.

Pappy touched lives off the field, as well

WHEN I WROTE last week that Pappy Waldorf, the legendary Cal football coach during the 1940s and '50s, was a hero to his players, I told only half the story. It turns out he was also idolized by the children of Berkeley.

One of them was Karen Vermeys, who now lives in Walnut Creek.

"Growing up in Berkeley in those times was a big treat," she writes, "and having a dad who took us to all the Cal football and basketball games, we grew to love all Cal sports, and in particular, our Pappy."

"After every game, we would all swarm to the north end of the stadium and stand patiently, chanting 'We want Pappy! We want Pappy!' awaiting his appearance on 'his' balcony."

"We were never disappointed; and whether the game was a win or a loss, he always had positive things to say about 'his boys.'"

Well, I guess I should have known that Pappy was too big a man to squeeze into just one column. Yes, he was a kindly father figure; but he was also a brilliant organizer whose practice sessions were choreographed like a mass ballet.

"They had to be, because a couple of hundred guys would come out for football every spring," recalled one of Pappy's boys, Pete Schabarum (47). "But Pappy organized things so well, nobody ever stood around."

He was a big bear of a man, with silver hair and a booming bass voice that could be heard all over the practice field. And his interests went way beyond football. He loved Shakespeare, bird-watching, limericks and a good cigar. He was an acknowledged Civil War scholar who helped Carl Sandburg write his classic biography of Lincoln.

The newspapers dubbed him "The Wise Walrus of Strawberry Canyon," and former Cal Chancellor and UC President Clark Kerr later said, "I considered him to be our best teacher. He had more moral impact on more students than did any other faculty member."

His "boys" told me they've all



MARTIN SNAPP
Snapp Shots

led happy, loving, productive lives because Pappy believed in them and taught them to believe in themselves. But I couldn't help noticing one other thing: Unlike most athletes, who turn into couch potatoes and go to seed the moment their playing days are over, these guys are still in great shape.

And that, I think, was Pappy's doing, too. He didn't kill their love of sports, so they've stayed active all their lives.

■ ■ ■ Pappy's organizational innovations are still being copied by coaches in colleges and the NFL. Too bad they're not trying to imitate his compassionate character, as well.

What they don't realize is that football — like life — is not a choice between winning or losing. It's a choice between the light side and the dark side of the Force. You can win either way, but who in their right mind would want to be Darth Vader when you could be Obi-Wan Kenobi?

By any standard you choose, Pappy Waldorf was a winner: 38 straight regular-season victories, three straight Rose Bowls, and eight straight wins over Stanford. But more importantly, he did it with love. He saw no contradiction between winning games and molding character.

Sure, you can also win with fear, as martinis like Bobby Knight and Bill Parcells (who once held a press conference to refer to one of his players as "she" because he didn't think the guy was playing aggressively enough) have proven. But no one is ever going to call them "Pappy."

Leo Durocher was wrong: Nice guys finish first.

Reach Martin Snapp at 510-262-2787 or e-mail msnapp@cctimes.com.

Ed. Fund offers grants of \$500-\$2,500

The West County School District's Public Education Fund (the Ed. Fund) is offering \$500 mini-grants, \$1,000 school-wide grants and a \$2,500 special education grants. All teachers, parents, students or other employees working with teachers may apply for the mini-grants. Principals or teams of at least three teachers may apply for school wide grants and the special education grant.

Principals and teachers who received Ed. Fund grants during the 2002-03 school year must submit grant evaluations for those grants no later than Sept. 24 to be eligible for 2003-2004 grants.

The 2003-04 grants will focus

on development of literacy and math skills, physical fitness and good nutrition, student community involvement and leadership, special education, and arts integration into the curriculum. All projects must clearly be standards-based.

Applications can be found on the school district Web site at www.wccusd.k12.ca.us/grants/index.html, through the principal or school secretary or can be obtained by calling 510-233-1464.

Applications must be postmarked no later than Oct. 1.

All applicants must send the original and four copies to the Ed. Fund, 5 Alvarado Square, San Pablo, CA 94806.

EVENTS & PLACES

Antia Xu wrote in this week's news about her daughter, Catherine Junzhong Bao, a senior at Albany High School who was recently selected member of The National Society of High School Scholars.

Catherine, who is trained in piano and ballet, plays soccer and volunteers at the North Bay Senior Center, the Alameda County YMCA, works part-time at a chemist's office and has been with the Chiron Corp, was named by the national society for academic achievement. Catherine has received high marks in algebra and geometry. Congratulations, Katherine.

■ ■ ■ El Cerrito resident M. Leary headed off to this fall, she went 3,000 miles away as one of 1,700 new women at Fordham University in New York City. Leary will attend the Rose Hill campus, an 85-acre spread in the Bronx. Fordham is a Jesuit university founded in 1841.

■ ■ ■ A couple of weeks now, we've been hearing children making their way to school, wearing new clothes and carrying new backpacks, filled with books, pencils, notebooks and all necessary for their education. Helping many of those children in the West Con-



CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

CHECKING OUT SOME of the donated backpacks and school supplies collected by the Relief Society of the Concord Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are, from left, Janice Thompson, principal of Verde Elementary School in Richmond; Annie King, Verde Involvement parent coordinator; and Cindi Teichert, Relief Society president, Concord Stake.

tra Costa and Mt. Diablo school districts, whose families would not have been able to afford a backpack and school supplies, were members of the Relief Society of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Glenna Phillips, director of public affairs of the Concord Stake, said 220 backpacks (with supplies) were donated to its

Annie King, Verde involvement parent coordinator, were on hand to gratefully accept the donations.

Delivering backpacks were Cindi Teichert, Concord Stake Relief Society president, and her daughter Erica; and Pat Fotheringham, stake counselor.

A big thank-you to all who donated, delivered and distributed the needed school supplies.

■ ■ ■ An annual fund-raising event in Fremont has special meaning for John R. Shively, 93, of El Cerrito, whose young great-granddaughter, Jessica Fernandes, has spinal muscular atrophy, the rare disease that affects the voluntary muscles for activities such as crawling, walking, head and neck control and swallowing.

Walk Smart, which will be held on Saturday, Oct. 4 from 8 a.m. to noon at Lake Elizabeth at Central Park in Fremont, is the annual fund-raising walk in the greater San Francisco Bay Area for the nonprofit Families of Spinal Muscular Atrophy (FSMA) which funds research to find a cure for SMA and provides support to families coping with the condition. It's a 2-mile walk on a paved path, so it's also suited to for strollers and wheelchairs. Participants can register online at www.SMANorcal.org

"Operation Backpack," and 75 women from Concord to El Cerrito participated in the effort.

On Aug. 25, backpacks with binders, paper, glue, pencils and pens, scissors, theme dividers, notebooks and more were delivered to three schools, two in Concord and one in Richmond. At Verde Elementary in Richmond, Principal Janice Thompson and

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— Thomas Jefferson

EDITORIAL

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Clean up the coast

THE CALIFORNIA Coastal Cleanup, which happens Saturday, is billed as one of the world's largest volunteer events.

More than 40,000 volunteers turn out in the state each year to clean up more than 400 sites, according to the California Coastal Commission. Since the cleanup began in 1985, the effort has removed nearly 8.5 million pounds of debris from our beaches.

We like what that says about people: Most of us, as long as we know we're making a difference, are willing to do our part.

Why would people be willing to slog along a beach or creek bank, picking up others' refuse in their plastic-gloved hands and filling bags with it? Because it's easy to see the effect our hard work has.

Picking up trash: Anyone can understand that. You walk down a beach. You remove the garbage. The beach is clean. At least until the next band of not-very-particular picnickers arrives or the next tide washes things up from out on the Bay.

The Coastal Commission has some sobering facts about all that stuff. Back in 1975, the National Academy of Sciences estimated that ships dumped 14 billion pounds of garbage into the oceans. Now, even with laws prohibiting dumping plastic in the sea, this material remains a major source of pollution.

Plastic trash in the oceans is a danger to sea turtles, sea birds and marine mammals. They can get tangled in plastic strapping, fishing line or six-pack rings and not be able to eat, swim or breathe. Sea animals sometimes eat plastic, mistaking it for food.

And anyone who has spent much time on a beach or on the water has encountered for themselves the hazards to humans of beach debris: Broken glass and jagged metal don't co-exist peacefully with beach-appropriate bare feet.

Anyone who has walked along our shores and looked down can probably rattle off a list of items ranging from the dangerous to the distasteful with no trouble at all.

Bay and ocean beaches are magnets for trash. Rains wash litter from sidewalks and streets into the gutter, then into storm drains which usually empty into a nearby waterway — which means that garbage, too, often ends up on the beach.

The price of a semi-clean coast is a good, once-a-year effort by many, many volunteers.

When we think about it, if we're honest with ourselves, we realize once a year really isn't enough. Those of us who go out on Saturday might remember that, and continue to pick up trash from beaches no matter what day we visit. Think how clean the place would be if we all (or even most of us) did that.

And a lot of things are like that: improving our schools, helping others through service group projects, getting a candidate elected or a proposition on the ballot ... almost anything that might make public life better could be done if many of us did just a small part.

We'll be thinking about that as we go out on the beach to pick up trash tomorrow: the Coastal Cleanup as a metaphor for what we can accomplish if we work together. We encourage others to do the same.

To find out more about the Coastal Cleanup in our area, contact Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia's office at 510-374-3231, the Shorebird Nature Center at 510-644-8623, the East Bay Regional Park District at 510-430-1783, the Coastal Cleanup at 800-262-7848 (800-COAST-4U) or visit www.coastforyou.org.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Trees benefit all residents

On Sept. 11, I attended an El Cerrito tree commission community workshop. The city is conducting the workshops on an ongoing basis to get the community's input for resolving the trees vs. views debate and to develop a tree ordinance.

People from the hills, who were only concerned about their right to a view, greatly outnumbered those of us who care about trees. Even people who expressed an interest in both trees and views were very few.

I was especially disappointed that when we broke up into smaller groups, and I suggested the tree ordinance should consider the beneficial effect of trees on air pollution, no one in my group of approximately 50 participants considered this important.

I am grateful to the Journal for publishing the dates of the tree commission's workshops.

I wish the city would use any means at its disposal to solicit the participation of the entire community.

I hope El Cerrito residents who read this letter will participate in the upcoming meetings; otherwise, we run the risk of having a tree ordinance that will greatly favor the rights of the people who have a view of the Bay and will not consider the positive impact of trees on reducing pollution and other benefits to all residents — shade, beauty, wildlife habitat, etc.

Peter Rozo
El Cerrito

'Phony' citizens

Gov. Davis signed the bill allowing undocumented immigrants to be issued a California driver's license.

Davis claims this will make the highways safer and more vehicles will be insured. In reality, he is pandering for votes in a desperate attempt to avoid his recall.

The majority of Californians do not agree with granting driver's licenses to undocumented immigrants. This opens the door for a quick and easy way to become a "phony" citizen.

Hal Schultz
El Cerrito

Real deregulation!

I continue to see letters from fellow citizens that refer to the public utility system signed into law by former Gov. Pete Wilson as deregulation. Nothing could be further from the truth.

How could the system be "deregulated" by putting a retail price cap on services, but allowing the wholesale prices to follow the market? That opened the door for Enron and others to gouge us as they did.

How could the system be "deregulated" by leaving it in the hands of the mandates of an agency proven to be a failure — the Public Utilities Commission?

For those who have real interest in a fine system, I suggest they visit the Web site of the Pennsylvania-New Jersey-Maryland organization, www.pjm.org. Combining the interests of ordinary citizens, power companies and government representatives, it has created a system that has the cheapest power in the nation and so plentiful they sell to other entities.

Now that's deregulation!

George Amberg
El Cerrito

Do we need another tree ordinance?

When the El Cerrito City Council repealed most provisions of the 1992 tree ordinance, it opened up a review process for this controversial and contentious ordinance that has proven dysfunctional, biased and unworkable since its inception.

The basic assumption of the ordinance, "obstruction of views by trees on private property," states its pro-view bias, not only from the very title, but in unproved and unsubstantiated statements such as: "Views from individual properties add to the property values in the city and, thus, contribute to the tax base ... The loss of views in residential neighborhoods can result in a decrease in property values and in a lessening of the economic stability of residential areas ..."

There are no fair and balanced claims concerning the complex issue of "value" to not only the individual tree owner, the neighborhood, and the community — though there is considerable scientific basis that upholds the importance of mature, large trees and their contribution to our health, safety and well-being.

There are more sensible and equitable solutions than yet another divisive and destructive ordinance that pits neighbor against neighbor and brings out the worst in people. Should we not take the time to explore more workable alternatives that will bring our community together?

Evelyn Kiresen
Linda Blum
El Cerrito

This letter was also signed by 11 other El Cerrito residents.

Greedy companies

I just finished reading an article regarding Chevron shifting accounting jobs to Manila and another article titled, "Refineries' profits draw scrutiny."

It seems Chevron (and many other companies) would like to take everything it can from the American economy and give as little as possible back.

It's time we take a stand and individually boycott companies such as these.

Laura T. Brooks
El Cerrito

Car tax restores city revenues

What candidates for governor and Contra Costa Times journalist, Daniel Borenstein, failed to tell TV viewers during the campaign forum on Sept. 3 is that the "car tax" — vehicle license fee — increase is for restoration of local city revenues.

The proposed license fee "increase" is actually a restoration to its level prior to the mid-'90s. If the license fee is not restored, cities will lose revenue, not the

state government which caused its financial disaster.

Albany could lose one-fifth of its police department or one-half of its parks and recreation programs. Other cities would see similar losses. Whoever is governor loses nothing from the state budget, but all of us who live in cities lose services and suffer deteriorating roads and streets.

Since 1992, the state of California has also been taking property taxes from cities. Less than 20 percent of property taxes paid in Albany now goes to support city services. It should be closer to 40 percent.

At the next forum, please ask the candidates how they will restore revenues to our cities if they veto the "car tax."

Councilman Allan Mar...
Albany

Recall court ruling

The three-judge 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals' ruling to postpone the recall election is an outstanding example of judicial arrogance and is extremely irresponsible in its timing.

The punch card system of voting has so offending has been used successfully in this state for 40 years, including the year to re-elect Gray Davis. Recently reported studies of new touchscreen systems question their accuracy and acknowledge their failure to provide "paper trail" in cases of recounts.

This court's decision is blatant judicial activism to arrive at a desired result — postponement of the election to advantage Davis. It has nothing to do with the voting system employed.

One of the judges — "senior state Judge Harry Pregerson, 80 years old next month, with 38 years on the federal bench" — typifies the imperiousness of a federal judge with lifetime tenure and no accountability to the public.

Judge Pregerson's extreme liberal rulings include a dissent in a death penalty case involving a convicted serial murderer of 17 people.

The public deserves a vote on the recall on Oct. 7.

Jim Hartman

Berkeley
Hartman is vice-chairman of California Republican Party, San Francisco Bay Region.

Disunity

The Field Poll has Cruz Bustamante with a slight lead, but digging deeper the numbers is a more telling statistic: one month, Bustamante's "unfavorable" rating has gone from 40 percent to 50 percent. Where have we seen these numbers before? Gray Davis, about a year ago. The result: a polarized Legislature on budget issues.

It seems to me Arnold Schwarzenegger would have a far easier time uniting Californians — and the Legislature — moving forward on a number of issues, not the least of which would be a sensible approach to state fiscal matters.

Alan Evans
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Antiques Sideshow to make splash in old shipyard

THE SECOND ANNUAL Antiques Sideshow is coming to an historic part of Richmond this year. Modeled on the very popular "Antiques Roadshow" on PBS, this event also brings together knowledgeable antiques dealers and experts to evaluate the items people bring in.

A benefit for the Richmond Museum of History, the Antiques Sideshow will be held in the warehouse at Ferry Point, in the heart of what were the World War II shipyards, next to the Red Oak Victory, the last victory ship to come out of the Kaiser Shipyards.

A partial list of this year's participants and the objects they will evaluate: Iris Ramos, Antiques on Solano (china, pottery and costume jewelry); Harold Crawford of H. Crawford Auction (furniture, clocks and general antiques); Gay England of Asian Antiques (art, porcelain, silver and furniture); Roberta Maisel of Antiques on Solano (silver, fine antique jewelry and paper memorabilia); Russell and Kitty Umbraco (glass, bottles and gambling artifacts) and Melanie Anderson (dolls). Alas, no book specialists are available this year.

"Last year's event was very exciting for all of us," says Sandi Genser-Maack, chairwoman of the Sideshow Committee. "And this year, in such an historical place, should be even more so."

You may have noticed the similarity between my name and hers; Sandi is my daughter, and I'm very proud of her.

The Richmond Museum of History, to which proceeds from the Sideshow will go, is located in the beautiful old library building at 4th and Nevin in Richmond.

It is the museum that brought the Red Oak Victory to Richmond, and is handling the very difficult work of renovation on the ship. All of the members of the committee are long-time volunteers for the museum, and their love for it motivates all of their activities.

Sandi at one time worked for the museum as volunteer coordinator, and she and her husband, Lynn, spend many Sunday afternoons showing visitors the artifacts and exhibits there.



CLARA-RAE GENSER
Community Folk

EVENT

What: Antiques Sideshow, a benefit for the Richmond Museum of History

When: Oct. 5, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Where: The Warehouse, Ferry Point, Point Richmond (next to the Red Oak Victory ship, at the end of Dornan Drive, through the tunnel on Garrard Avenue) — look for balloons marking the site.

Admission: Free. Charge for antiques evaluation, per item or set of items: \$8 in advance/\$10 at the door

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Community involvement was always important in our home, and I'm happy to say Sandi has taken family tradition to heart.

She is the director of communication and events for the Richmond Chamber of Commerce and is president-elect for the Richmond Kiwanis. And she once listed some of her other activities for me: president of the North and East Neighborhood Council, vice president of the Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council; Chairwoman of the Richmond Library Commission, a member of REACT Citizens Advisory Council, and more. She and Lynn are on the 40th Reunion Committee of El Cerrito High School.

Lynn Maack, an economist for the state, also is a member of the Sideshow committee, and works with Sandi on neighborhood council matters. Both are graduates of El Cerrito High School and San Francisco State University.

Do you know people, places or groups in El Cerrito, Albany or Kensington that would make good subjects for this column? If so, please write me at 555 Pierce St., No. 443, Albany, CA 94706 or call 510-525-4585. My e-mail is crgenser@aol.com.

Red Cross needs to draw more blood

The American Red Cross is seeking blood donations. The Bay Area, and much of the nation, operates with as little as one day's supply of blood.

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The 2020 LRDP will present a framework for land use and physical development to meet the academic goals and objectives of the University through 2020. The Environmental Impact Report (EIR) assessing the effects of the 2020 LRDP will be the baseline for future reviews and approvals of individual capital projects implementing the LRDP. A Notice of Preparation for the 2020 LRDP EIR has been published and is on the web (see "Resources" below). To be published spring 2004 as a single document, the 2020 LRDP will be shaped by the environmental context detailed in its EIR.

The conceptual foundation for the 2020 LRDP is established in two documents prepared by UC Berkeley campus faculty, students and staff. The Strategic Academic Plan outlines the key challenges the campus faces in sustaining and promoting academic excellence, and recommends principles and initiatives to address those challenges. The New Century Plan builds upon the Academic Plan, with policies and initiatives to guide the campus's physical development. LRDP policies governing development off the core campus would be informed by the City of Berkeley General Plan. All three documents are on the web (see "Resources").

The Chang-Lin Tien Center for East Asian Studies site, across the central glade from Doe Library on the Berkeley campus, would be developed in accord with the principles of the 2020 LRDP. Analysis of this project, incorporated into the 2020 LRDP EIR, will provide a tangible example of how LRDP values would translate into proposed building projects.

A mailing list for CEQA notices about the 2020 LRDP is maintained by UC Berkeley Capital Projects. To add your name to this list, please contact Capital Projects at 643-0313, or by e-mail to 2020LRDP@cp.berkeley.edu.

World War II POW survived by 'the grace of God'

■ Church members take time to remember the experience of Albany resident Roosevelt Watson

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — In 1941, Roosevelt Watson was a 21-year-old from Arkansas when he enlisted in the Air Force to fight for his country during World War II.

Just seven months later, in April 9, 1942, he was fighting for his life, held prisoner along with thousands of other men and forced to endure what is infamously known as the Bataan Death March.

He was held prisoner for three and a half years, moved from city to city, working from sun-up to sun-down everyday, watching as other prisoners died and wondering how and if he could make it out alive.

Watson said he lived through the experience through his "trust in the Lord. And by the grace of God I'm here. But a lot of guys didn't survive."

The El Cerrito United Methodist Church, to which he and his wife, Winnie, belong, held a luncheon on Sunday, Sept. 14, in honor of Watson's experience.

At 83, Watson saved no mementos from his captivity and has difficulty discussing it in depth — the emotional scars and trauma are still near the surface. He dreams sometimes about the experience: the march, fighting the Japanese or enduring a hellish ride on a ship with little food or water.

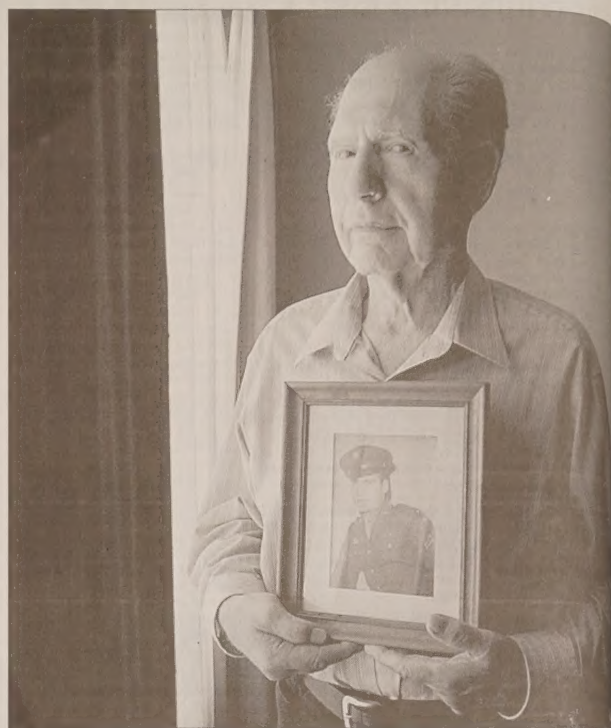
Pictures on Prisoner of War Web sites and in books show some of the experience: Gaunt shirtless men wearing just worn-out shorts, their skin taut against their bones because of starvation, hard labor and imprisonment.

The federal government was drafting young men to fight in the war, Watson recalled, and he volunteered for the Air Force, to avoid being drafted.

He became a part of the 27th Bomb Group, and was stationed at an air base near Manila. Left with out-of-date equipment and their airplanes destroyed by bombing, American and Filipino soldiers retreated to Bataan in the Philippines. There they surrendered to the Japanese.

That began Watson's ordeal as a POW, along with thousands of others. He said 13,000 people died in the camps. Some 24,000 prisoners — American and Filipino — died during the Bataan Death March. The 70-mile march lasted five days, with little food or water, from the southern tip of the Bataan Peninsula to San Fernando.

If you fell out of line, you would be killed, Watson said. The same fate would meet soldiers who tried



THE 1945 PHOTO displayed by Albany resident Roosevelt Watson does little to impart the experience of a Japanese prisoner of war who survived the Bataan Death March.

to get water from wells they passed.

"The main thing you think is you try to get through that alive and you wonder if it's going to get better or worse," he said.

From Camp O'Donnell, Watson said he was one of about 300 men to volunteer for work detail for two months helping to build a bridge and a road. Sixty-seven men died during that time. Watson was assigned to bury them.

"Dig a hole, cover their face with banana leaves, say a prayer and cover them up," Watson recalled of the grim duty.

After Camp O'Donnell, Watson and the other prisoners were moved to about 12 different locations throughout the Philippines, which included a 39-day trip on "hell ships," where the prisoners were crammed into boats like sardines. Prisoners would receive one cup of water a day and one cup of rice "if you're lucky," he said.

"Finally it got so bad, you didn't care if they blew you up — 'Get it over with,'" he said.

Starvation was the worst aspect, Watson said. Prisoners would also contract diseases like malaria,

dysentery and pneumonia.

He ended up mining zinc and lead from a mine for eight months near the Japanese city of Amori. He was there when the war ended. U.S. planes dropped food, medicine and clothing for the prisoners.

A few days later, weighing 95 pounds, Watson was flown to Manila. Like many of the prisoners, he stayed there for six weeks to gain weight before traveling back to the United States to be with his family.

He said it was hard for him to settle down after the imprisonment, but he eventually married

Winnie Watson, a girl from childhood, and they had four children, where they've been since 1946. He retired from a welder and maintenance from Mars Drum, a steel mill in Kaiser Steel, in 1983.

Winnie Watson said her husband's experience was sad, the two have other very fortunate. They have four daughters, and have five children and six granddaughters.

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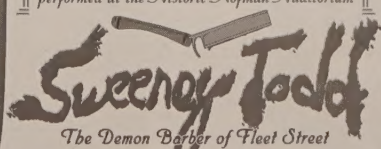
Day of Tour Tickets may be purchased for \$30 in front of the College Avenue Presbyterian Church, 595 I College Avenue, Oakland, from 11 a.m. on Sunday, September 28. Visit www.rockridge.org or call 510/644-4228 for information.

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missions to the Community must be received Thursdays prior to publication. List on a space-available basis. Announcements to Ann Fields, 1969 Blvd., Oakland, CA 94611; email: annfields@ctimes.com or fax 510-409-4066.

Maillet and Creative Movement take place at Ashkenaz, 1317 18th Ave. Teacher Kathryn Roszak has taught children through the Area. Creative Movement Wednesdays 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sept. 24 to Nov. 19; Beginning ages 7-9, some 6 year olds Wednesdays 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sept. 24 to Dec. 3. Enrollment space available basis. Call 510-233-5550.

Library, 1247 Marin Ave., "Read Me a story," a free program in which teens read books aloud to young children. The program takes place 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday through Aug. 16, 17, 22, 23, 29, 30.

Women's Social Skills and Manuscripts are offered in Albany. The program lasts for four weeks. Workshop twice a month Tuesday at the Women's Cancer Research, 3023 Shattuck Ave. The program is for teens who have a paragon with cancer. The meeting is facilitated by a teen whose mother breast cancer. 531-7551.

Check out books from the Berkeley Jewish Community Center. Spend quality time with your child with the children's librarian, and your Jewish roots or check out books. The library is at 1414 Walnut St. Hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Fridays. 848-0237.

Portia offers special programs from 22 months to 5 years designed to offer parents an opportunity to leave their pre-school children in a safe atmosphere under qualified supervision. The program for ages 3 to 3 1/2 years meets Monday through 9 a.m. to noon. Registration is continuous as long as space is available. Located at 7007 Moeser Blvd. 545-4771.

Marin Children's Center offers "Support Groups for Mothers" for first time mothers and their babies under 5 months. Extended facilitator. Details: 524-4005.

Neighborhood Computer provides free and high-demand computer training for disadvantaged individuals. The organization provides and networking equipment for use for training purposes. All classes are tax deductible. 845-1226 or 510-233-5550.

Camera Club meet Tuesdays 7:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda. Share slides and prints, learn photography techniques. Details: 525-3565.

Time Pounds Off Sensibly (CA 1924) meets Thursdays 10 p.m. Thursday at Mira Vista Blvd., 7075 Cutting Blvd. TOPS (Total Overweight People) organization assisting women in weight control. Details at 235-0490.

Point at the YWCA, 2600 18th Ave. sponsors Resume Clinics every afternoon, or by appointment, leave a message 3 days before you would like to attend. Anne Levine has a background in counseling and education. Call 848-6370.

Office of Emergency presents a new series of free Emergency Response Training. The classes give basic information, including hands-on fire suppression, light rescue, and disaster first aid. The classes are held at the fire department's Emergency Operations Center. Details: 510-409-4066.

to everyone, 18 or older, who lives or works in Berkeley. Register: 644-8736.

■ **Berkeley Art Museum**, Pacific Film Archive offers a guided tour of Equal Partner: Men and Women Principals in Contemporary Architectural Practice presented by graduate students from the UC Berkeley Department of Architecture, College of Environmental Design on alternating Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. and on Sundays at 2 p.m. 642-0808.

■ **Overeaters Anonymous** meet Fridays at 1:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church in Berkeley, 941 The Alameda between Solano and Marin avenues, in Room 2—the child-care room—parents may bring their children. This organization is for individuals who eat compulsively. 525-5231.

■ **Toastmasters**, do it now. Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice Tuesday, noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Call 883-6708 for details.

■ **Civil Rights** activists needed. Write the ACLU chapter of Berkeley, Albany, Richmond, and Kensington, P.O. Box 11141, Berkeley, CA, 94701.

■ **"Work Buddies"**, volunteers needed to work with people in early stage Alzheimer's Disease. Minimum six-month commitment, two to three hours per week. Training provided. Contact Nannette Lipton, 644-8292.

Exhibits

■ **The Berkeley Art Center**, 1275 Walnut St., presents the exhibit of 60 postrevolutionary Cuban posters from the Cuban Film Institute. OSPAAAL, and Editora Politica with examples of work by Bay Area artists. Gallery hours: noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Opening reception, 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28. Curators Talk and Book Signing, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8. Artist Forum at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15. Closed Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27. Free admission, donations accepted. For a complete listing of other events at the Center, call 510-644-6893 or visit the Web site at www.berkeleyartcenter.org.

■ **La Pena Cultural Center**, 3105 Shattuck Ave., presents a special event, "Archeology of Memory," by musician and writer, Quique Cruz. Free opening reception, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Sept. 27. Program begins at 8 p.m., and costs \$10 to \$25. Cruz will read from his recently published book "The Autobiography of an Ex Chess Player," a narrative of his experiences as a seventeen-year-old in the concentration camps of Pinochet. For more information, call 510-849-2573 or visit www.lapena.org.

■ **"One Struggle, Two Communities"**, Late 20th Century Political Posters of Havana, Cuba and the San Francisco Bay Area comes to The Berkeley Art Center Sept. 28. The exhibit includes 60 Cuban posters from the Cuban Film Institute, OSPAAAL, and Editora Politica along with work by local artists Enrique Chagoya, Emory Douglas, Juan Fuentes, Rupert Garcia, Nancy Hom, Malaquias Montoya, Jane Norling, and Jos Sances. The exhibit runs from Sept. 28 through Dec. 13. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Sunday, noon to 5 p.m., and admission is free. The Berkeley Art Center is at 1275 Walnut St. in Live Oak Park and is wheelchair accessible. Details: 510-644-6893 or visit online at www.berkeleyartcenter.org.

■ **"Sensuous + A Jewelry Exhibition"** runs through Oct. 4 at ACCI Gallery, 1652 Shattuck Ave. in Berkeley. Eight Bay Area jewelers (Jennifer Cole, Jeannie Haydon, Hader Jacobson, Rebecca Overmann, Junko Stickney, Janet Kaufman, Kathleen Maley, Vanessa Martin) bring their creations to the gallery. Details: 510-843-2527 or www.acci-gallery.com.

■ The exhibit **Early Women of Berkeley** (1878-1953) and their organizations opens Sept. 28 and runs through March 27. The exhibit, curated by the College Women's Club/Berkeley Branch of the American Association of University Women and the Berkeley Historical Society, celebrates how women shaped Berkeley's history, working alone and through their clubs. A women's history lecture series is also planned. Exhibit open is Sunday, Sept. 28 from 2-5 p.m. at the Berkeley History Center, 1931 Center St. Details: 848-0181. Admission free.

■ The Photolab Gallery, 2235 Fifth St., presents an exhibit of **Black and White**

pinhole photographs by East Bay photographer S. McGrath Ryan. The exhibit is open to the public, free of charge and wheelchair accessible. A reception for the artist will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Sept. 13. For more information, call 510-644-1400.

■ The **"Mixed Media"** exhibit continues through Oct. 23. Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Saturday at Red Oak Realty Address: 1891 Ave., Berkeley. Admission: Free. For more information, call 510-527-3387.

Film/dance/stage

■ **Shotgun Players** presents "The Water Principle," Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 7 p.m. The production takes place through Oct. 19 at 8th Street Studio, 2525 8th St., between Dwight and Parker. Prices: \$18 regular, \$12 students, seniors. For ticket information, call 510-704-8210 or visit the Web site at www.shotgunplayers.org.

■ Children's Hospital & Research Center at Oakland, Oakland's Hospital Branches and Auditions By the Bay in Alameda are presenting a private screening of the award-winning documentary film **"My Flesh and Blood"** on Tuesday, Oct. 14. Reception at 6 p.m., screening 7 p.m. followed by conversation with the local filmmakers, including director Jonathan Karsh (former host of "Evening Magazine"), producer Jennifer Chaiken and special guest, Susan Tom of Fairfield. The film looks at the nature of caring and responsibility from the perspective of Susan Tom, and her 11 special-needs children. The documentary won the Audience Award at the 2003 Sundance Film Festival where it for best documentary and the Jury Prize for best direction. The screening will take place at the Auditions By the Bay Theater in Alameda Tickets: \$100. Proceeds benefit Children's Hospital & Research Center at Oakland. Advance ticket purchase: 510-428-3814. Details: www.chofoundation.org.

■ **Learn easy international folk dances**, fun for all ages at the Albany YMCA, 921 Kains Ave. No experience needed. Wear comfortable shoes and come prepared for a good time. Admission: Adults \$2, kids \$1. Details: 525-1130.

■ **Friday Night Folk Dancing**: 8 p.m. - 11 p.m.; no partners necessary for line dances taught from Rumania, Bulgaria, Israel, Turkey, Near East and other lands each Friday from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m., followed by request dances from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. No experience necessary - all ages welcome. Albany YMCA, 901 Kains Ave.; \$4; call 525-1542.

■ **Family Folkdancing** takes place the third Sunday, 1-2:30 p.m. at Ashkenaz Music and Dance Community Center, 1317 San Pablo Ave. Instructor: Denise Schultz Weiss. Bring your feet and a spirit of fun. No experience necessary. An opportunity for families to dance and laugh together. Drop in for good fun and exercise. All ages welcome. Drop-in class, no registration needed. Adults \$3, children \$2. Details: 632-3713.

■ **Swing Dance Classes!** Learn East coast swing and Lindy Hop with Michael and Persephone of Shagtime Dance Instruction, on Mondays at the

Work Studio, 2566 Telegraph Ave. Beginning Lindy Hop runs 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. East Coast Swing from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. and beginning Lindy Hop 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays, at The Beat, 2560 Ninth St. Classes run as a monthly series. Details: Michael Marango at 528-7858.

Health

■ **Charcot Marie Tooth** support group meets Saturdays bimonthly at West Berkeley Library, 1125 University Ave. from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. CMT is a neuropathic disorder. Details: 524-3506.

■ **YWCA Health and Community Education**: drop in classes in dance, fitness, yoga, martial arts and more; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way; 848-6370; \$8 - \$10.

Lecture/workshop

■ **Learn more about Proposition 54**, which critics charge would undercut the environmental justice movement in California, at a forum Sept. 30 at 7 p.m. at the Ecology Center, 2530 San Pablo Ave., near Dwight Way, Berkeley. Cost: free. 510/548-2220 ext. 233. KPFA commentator and community activist Joy Moore and representatives from the Coalition for an Informed California will explain the implications of Prop 54 and answer questions.

■ **"What's in It for Us?" is a renewable energy forum** on Thursday, Sept. 25, from 7-9 p.m. at the Ecology Center, 2530 San Pablo Ave., near Dwight Way, Berkeley. Bring your questions, concerns and PG&E bills to a talk on renewable energy and its role in creating a sustainable future. Panelists will include solar system owners, renewable energy experts and representatives from the City of Berkeley, PG&E and the California Energy Commission. Free. Details: 510-548-2220 x233, ec@ecologycenter.org.

■ **The Berkeley Camera Club** meets every Tuesday evening, at 7:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. Share your slides and prints and learn what other photographers are doing. Monthly field trips. Don. 510-525-3565 or www.berkeleycameraclub.org.

■ **Tai Chi Chuan and Chi-kung** classes take place at Berkeley Unitarian Church at 7 p.m. on Wednesday evenings and 9 a.m. Saturday mornings at Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists, 1924 Cedar St. People of all ages and physical conditions are welcome to practice. Donation: \$65. 268-4995.

■ The YWCA offers free orientations of its **Turning Point Career Center**. The orientations outline the resources available to the public as well as the different things that the center has to offer such as a great variety of workshops. They are held every Tuesday, at 1:30 p.m. The Turning Point Career Center is located at 2600 Bancroft Way. 848-6370.

■ **Learn computer applications** for the "working" world Using Windows '95 and '98 and Microsoft Office 2000 software.

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LA PENA CULTURAL CENTER/CONTRIBUTED
NEW YORK CITY soul performer Maya Azucena makes her first Bay Area appearance with her entire band on Saturday, Oct. 4, at La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. The performance is part of the "Luminaries: National Independent Showcase" presented by Unify Sound, La Pena and Happs Magazine. Other performers include Bicasso, the 808 Band All-Stars, and Oakland's Boogie Shack. Doors for the all ages show open at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance from the La Pena box office, \$12 at the door. Forty percent of proceeds go to La Pena.

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■ **Emotions Anonymous:** 12-Step meetings every Sunday at 8 p.m. Call 236-8226 for Berkeley location.

Literary Events

■ **Albany Library, 1247 Marin Ave.,** presents poetry events: First Thursdays include Open Mike and Featured Poet sessions from 7 to 9 p.m. Second Wednesdays are drop-in Poetry Writing Workshops, for all ages. Second Saturdays are drop-in Poetry Writing Workshops for grades 4-8. All three events are free and on-going. Light refreshments will be served. Call Julie Winkelstein at 510-526-3720 ext. 20 for more information.

■ **Storytelling for Adults,** a group of storytellers, and listeners, who love to listen to stories, to keep the oral tradition alive, meet from 7 to 8:45 p.m. on the first Thursday each month at the Claremont Branch, Berkeley Public Library, 1940 Benevise, at Ashby. Free. 610-644-6880; or 525-1533.

■ **The Reading Edge** is available for public use at the Berkeley Public Library, 2090 Kittredge St. This computer scans printed text and reads it back aloud with a synthesized voice. It's available for anyone with a disability that requires its use to access print material. Users must complete a brief training session before using the Reading Edge; after that, reservations are needed. Call at 644-6648 to set up a training session.

Meetings/Lectures

■ **Kol Hadash** is the Bay Area's only Jewish Humanistic Congregation, with more than 110 family members from Berkeley to Danville, Petaluma, San Francisco to Concord, and all communities in between. The group meet on the fourth Friday of each month for a regular Shabbat (Sabbath), every other month on a Saturday for a Family Shabbat. The group holds Sunday school classes two Sundays a month, celebrates all the major Jewish holidays and holds special events from time to time. Location: Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave. 428-1492.

Miscellany

■ The "Where Art Meets Garden Series" in Peralta Community Garden is taking place for four Sundays from the Summer Solstice to the Fall Equinox and is hosted by Kirk Lumpkin in collaboration with Karl Linn. Cost: Free or donation (no one turned away). The series, which is open to the public, continues Sunday, Oct. 5, (originally scheduled for Sept. 28), from 2-5 p.m., featuring *In The Balance: Poetry & Jazz* The Word-Music Continuum (Kirk Lumpkin-poetry/percussion, Mark Randall-bass, Paul Mills-guitar) The Word-

Music Continuum is a unique performance ensemble uniting music with the spoken word. The garden is in Berkeley on Peralta between Hopkins and Gilman streets; west side of the street. Details: 510-231-5912, kirk@lumpkin.com

■ **The Berkeley High School Class of Fall '57** will hold its 46th reunion at Tilden Park, Orchard Picnic Area, from noon to 6 p.m. Saturday Sept. 13. For further information contact Susan Jennings Stangeland at 510-526-9075 or www.classmates.com.

■ The University of California Botanical Garden presents **Twilight Tours** with an expert horticulturist every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. from July 9 to Aug. 13. Free for members, \$5 for non members, includes garden admission. Entrance fees are \$3 for adults, \$2 for seniors and UC Berkeley Alumni Association members. 510-643-2755 to register.

■ **Friendship Circle,** a Jewish club for older adults, meet 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays, at the Oakland Senior Center, 200 Grand Ave. The club is an outreach program of Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center. Activities include day trips, Jewish holiday celebrations, theater outings, entertainment, speaker and much more. Call Maria at 848-0237 ext. 115 for details.

■ Improve your speaking skills by attending **Berkeley Communicators' Toastmaster** meetings, the first and third Wednesdays each month at 7:15 a.m. at Vaut's Cafe, 3250 Adeline St. Call 527-2337 for more information.

■ **The Berkeley Camera Club** meets Tuesday evenings 7:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda. Share your slides and prints and learn what other photographers are doing. Monthly field trips. For more details call Don at 525-3565.

■ **Disabled American Veterans** Chapter 25 meets on the third Tuesday of the month. The evening begins with a no host dinner and fellowship at 7 p.m. at 2068 Center St. A short business meeting follows at 8 p.m. at 1931 Center St. The Veterans Memorial Building. Price: \$3. Women who have had relatives in the US Military are invited to attend and join the auxiliary. For more details call R. DeRiti, Cmdr. D.A.V. Chapter 25, 916-372-8364.

■ The YWCA offers free orientations of its **Turning Point Career Center**. The orientations outline the resources available to the public and the great variety of workshops held every Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. The Turning Point Career Center is



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GUATEMALA NEWS & Information Bureau and filmmaker Patricia Flynn present the documentary "Discovering Dominga" on Wednesday, Sept. 24, at 7:30 p.m. at La Peña Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave. in Berkeley. The documentary tells the story of a young woman who has been living as Denese Becker in rural Iowa. But she is also Dominga, a young Mayan woman who was born in 1982 Rio Negro massacre. When she decides to return to the Guatemalan village where she was born, she begins a journey to finding her roots, that is also filled with harrowing revelations. Tickets: \$8-12 sliding scale. Details: 510-849-2568 or www.lapena.org

located at 2600 Bancroft Way. For more information, call 848-6370.

■ **The Berkeley Avatar Metaphysics Toastmasters Club** meet on the first and third Thursdays, from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., at 2515 Hillegass Ave. Public speaking skills and metaphysics come together. For details, call 869-2547 or 643-7645.

■ **The Kensington Senior Activity Center** meets on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. The center's community program of life-long learning is presented by the West Contra Costa Adult School. Attend any class or event you choose. Everyone over 55 is welcome. Details: 526-9146 or 547-1969.

■ **Speak Smart! Join Beijing Express Toastmasters.** The Smart Club! Meetings take place each Monday, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at Peking Express Restaurant, 2068 Center St. For additional information call 549-9671.

■ **Toastmasters Meeting:** Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice with us. Every Tuesday, Noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Berkeley. Call 883-6708 for more information.

■ **Joy of Yiddish:** Yiddish conversation at 1 p.m. at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst. Call 644-6107 for additional information.

■ **The Berkeley Arthritis Support and Education Group** meets on the second Tuesday of each month (except December) 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the Maffly Auditorium, Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. For additional information call 204-4503.

■ **Toastmasters on Campus** meet the second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at the English Language Program Building, 2515 Hillegass. Details: 704-1822.

■ **"Voices of Healing"** is a group exploring the psychological and spiritual dimensions of illness and healing. The

group meets on the second Friday of each month, 1 to 2:30 p.m. in North Berkeley. Call 528-1235 for more information.

■ **State Health Toastmasters Club** meet every second, third and fourth Thursday of the month from 12:10 to 1:10 p.m. at the State Health building, 2151 Berkeley Way. Details: 649-7750.

■ **Higher Alignment;** 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Mondays; fun, informative seminars creating spiritual partnerships; Feldenkrais Center, 830 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; 415-461-5337; \$20.

■ **Alta Bates Support Group** meets on the second Tuesday of every month, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Call for additional events.

■ **Overeaters Anonymous** program providing free support with eating problems, meetings every Saturday at 8:30 a.m. at St. John's, 2727 College Ave. and in the hospital, 901 Nevin (take BART).

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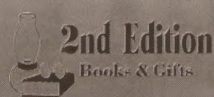
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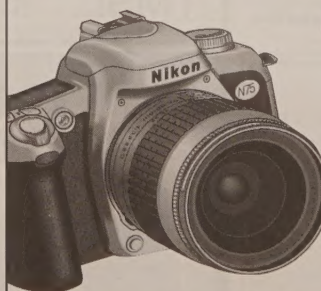
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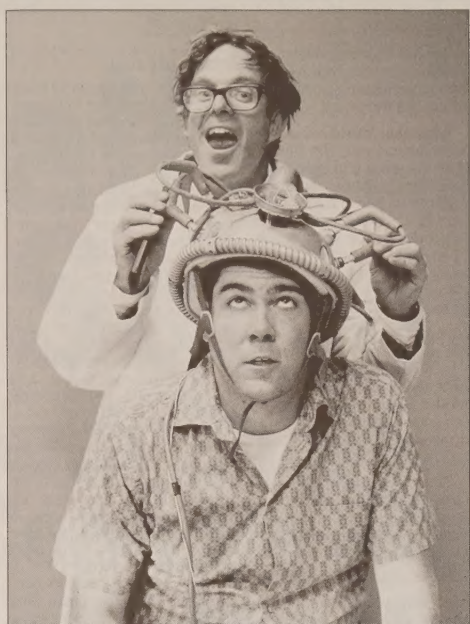
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MARK LA RIVIERE (in strange headgear) and **Mark Manske** are featured in "The Last Straw," one of a pair of one-act comedies (the other is "Sociability") by Charles Dizenzo, that opens the PlayMakers series tonight at Contra Costa Civic Theatre, 951 Pomona Ave. in El Cerrito. The plays run tonight, Saturday and Sunday, and Sept. 26-28 (curtain is 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays.) "The Last Straw," directed by David Bogdonoff, deals with a zany psychiatrist and the uneasy young man who comes to him for help. "Sociability," directed by Mark Manske, pokes fun at the pretenses that are such a part of doing and saying the right thing. Also featured in the productions are David Bogdonoff, Dory Ehrlich, Todd Miller and Susan Warwick. The PlayMakers series presents plays that would not be performed as part of the main stage season. Tickets are \$10. Reservations: 510-524-9132.

Call 848-6370 for additional information, leave a message for Anne Levine.

East Bay Regional Park Botanical Garden Tilden Park, presents regular tours, seven days a week. Week days 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, and Sundays 2 p.m. Special tours by appointment. Call 841-8732. For a schedule of upcoming classes call 925-820-1021.

Learning

Berkeley Adult School offers **ceramics classes** from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Tuesdays at the St. John's Senior Cen-

ter, 2727 College Ave. Classes are free, materials and firing charges are not. Lunch is offered at a minimal charge. Diana Bohn at 525-5497.

St. John's Prime Timers Senior Center in Berkeley offers classes in exercise, hand-built ceramics, copper enameling, wood working, weaving, creative writing and tap dancing. There are speakers on matters of current interest and travel slide presentations once a month. Classes are on-going. New members and seniors over 50 are always welcome. Lunch and friendly conversation are offered at a minimal charge. St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Avenue, Berkeley. Call 845-6830 for time and schedules.

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The Albany Library, 1247 Marin Ave., offers free, ongoing **chess instruction** Tuesdays, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The lessons range from fundamental to advanced topics, and also casual play. This program is led by David Pruess, who holds the Senior Master title and is one of the top chess players and teachers in California. All levels are welcome and chess sets are provided. Call Julie Winkelstein at 510-526-3720 ext. 19.

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Interview Clinics sponsored by Turning Point Center at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, are held on Monday mornings from 9-11 by appointment. 30-minute sessions are \$15 for YWCA members and \$20 for non-members. Call 848-6370 and leave a message to reserve an appointment time.

Berkeley Community Media, Channel 25, offers affordable classes in **video production and editing** to Berkeley residents. Free orientations designed to introduce BCM to the public are held Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at 2239 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. Details: 848-2288 and ask for Patrick, John or Sage.

Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Ave., offers **dance classes** ranging from Afro-Cuban to Kalanjali Dances of India, to West Coast Swing to Lindy Hop and East Coast Swing. Ashkenaz is a non-profit music and dance community center. Details: 525-5054. n Life Stories/Collage and Ceramics classes forming at St. John's Senior Center, 2727 College Ave., Tuesday mornings 9 a.m. to noon. All are welcome. Free. 845-6830.

Dance and fitness classes open to all in flamenco, Afro-Brazilian, belly dance, salsa, swing, ballroom, tap, theater dance, yoga, chi gung, tai chi, aikido, pilates-based body conditioning and more at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Drop in fees: \$8-10. Information: 848-6370.

Let's Swing and Jitterbug: 7 p.m. beginning classes, 8 p.m. intermediate; four-week dance classes beginning the first Tuesday of the month; Finnish

Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut, Berkeley; Diana Castillo, 549-3591; \$40 for four classes.

Support

Jewish Family and Children's Services of the East Bay offers the following community support groups.

— **Divorce Support Group**: Pre-registration required. Wednesday evenings, Jewish Family & Children's Services of the East Bay in Walnut Creek. Call Dr. Carla Haimowitz at 925-927-2000.

— **Bereavement Support Groups**: No Charge. Pre-registration required. Wednesdays, 4:30-6 p.m., JFCS/East Bay in Berkeley, 510-704-7480 ext. 968. Thursdays, 3:40-5 p.m., JFCS/East Bay in Walnut Creek, 925-927-2000 ext. 740.

— **Cancer Support Group**: No charge. Tuesdays from 12:30 - 2 p.m., Markstein Center, room 2810, 2nd floor, 450 30th St., Oakland. Call 510-869-8833.)

— **Support Group for Women 60 Years and Older**: Finally, a special group for older single women. Explore new options for coping with life transitions, making new friendships, dealing with family and peer relationships, and changing old habits. Pre-registration required. Second and fourth Mondays from 3:30-5 p.m. at the Berkeley/Richmond Jewish Community Center. Fee: \$10/session. Call Marti Kutnick LCSW at 510-704-7480 ext. 740.

— **Interfaith Couples Group**: Thursdays, 7:15-9:15 p.m. at Jewish Family & Children's Services of the East Bay in Berkeley. Call Cathy Diamond 510-704-7480 ext. 225.

— **Social Skills and Anger Management for Boys**: A special group for 7-9 year old boys expressing anger and other feelings inappropriately, or are having difficulty making and keeping friends. Pre-registration required. Mondays, 4-5:15 p.m. at Jewish Family & Children's Services of the East Bay in Berkeley. Fee: \$40/session. Sliding scale and medical accepted. Call David Edelson, at 510-704-7480 ext. 267.

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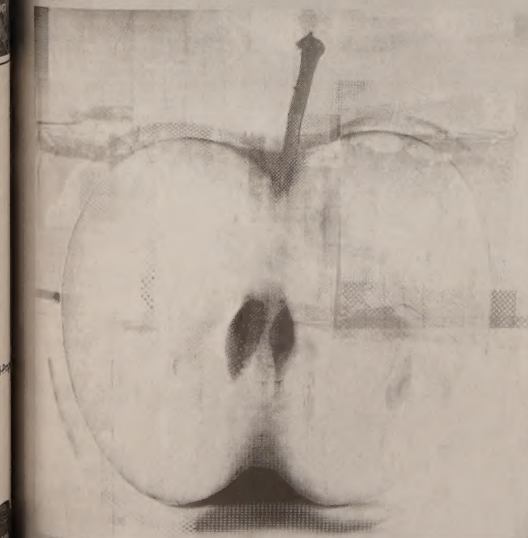
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EL CERRITO COUNCIL ROUNDUP

EL CERRITO — The City Council voted 4-0 to oppose Proposition 54, the racial privacy initiative slated for the now-delayed Oct. 7 ballot. If passed, the initiative would prohibit state and local governments from collecting and using race, ethnicity, color or national origin to classify current or prospective students, contractors or employees in public education, contracting or employment operations.

Prop. 54 could save the state as much as \$10 million, end government's preferential treatment based on race and would "signal America's first step towards a color-blind society," according to the pro-Prop. 54 Web site, www.racialprivacy.org.

"Like religion, marital status or sexual orientation, race should become a private matter that is no business of government's," the Web site states. "Think how refreshing it would be to throw out the entire system of checking little boxes."

In a letter written to the coun-

cil, and in a presentation at Monday's council meeting, El Cerrito resident Ann Lehman said the initiative would be bad for the state in a number of ways. It would prevent local governing bodies from collecting demographic, racial and ethnic data used in developing public policy and conducting public health outreach, researching and tracking diseases; to enforce anti-discrimination laws and to fulfill other governmental duties that depend on demographic information.

"While no one enjoys filling out boxes about their personal lives (which are voluntary, not required)," Lehman wrote, "ignoring racial disparities does not make them go away nor does it give us a colorblind society. Only recording vital information to address the racial disparities can help the state and local agencies tailor programs to meet the needs of all people of various races, ethnicities and nationalities."

The council voted 4-0 with one abstention that the initiative affected El Cerrito and then voted 4-0 to oppose it.

Councilwoman Gina Brusatori, who said she didn't have time to study the matter and felt she was lacking information, abstained.

"I'm not comfortable to try to come to any kind of decision given the dearth of information," she said.

However, Councilwoman Sandi Potter said it was clear that the initiative affected the city, before voting in favor of the council's opposition.

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The City Council unanimously awarded a street sweeping contract to Richmond's Universal Building Services at its Sept. 15 meeting. The cost for the work has an annual range of \$70,000 to \$85,000.

Street sweeping is one of nine maintenance activities the city contracts out to other companies. Three of the nine contracts are

up for bid this year. Universal Building Services has been the city's street sweeping contractor for the last five years.

With the award of a new sweeping contract, the city will again send out a printed street sweeping schedule map to all businesses and resident advising them of the sweeping activities. This information is also published in the city's two recreation brochures. The map is also posted on the city Web site, www.el-cerrito.org.

Mayor Pro Tem Letitia Moore said she wasn't sure whether the street sweeping was effective because there are quite a few cars parked along the curb when it was done and wanted to get information from city staff about the results of the sweeping.

Councilwoman Janet Abelson agreed, saying certain areas in her neighborhood are never swept because people don't have another place to park their cars.

Crash

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der contract with the city to maintain traffic signals in El Cerrito. Public works director Dan Clark said that division would install a new traffic signal in October.

In addition, last Tuesday, the city allowed a paving project halted after the accident to move forward. The driver of the runaway truck was a subcontractor working on the paving project.

"People really want to have that work done," said Clark. "We've had quite a few calls recently: 'You're going to finish the work, aren't you? Get it done.'"

The CHP also set up checkpoints on Tuesday, Sept. 9, and Thursday, Sept. 11, to inspect commercial vehicles in the city to see whether they were complying with weight limits, as well as make sure the drivers had the proper licenses and qualifications to drive the trucks. Forty trucks were inspected, and 15 citations were issued, Kirkland said. The CHP took four vehicles out of service and impounded three vehicles.

At the Monday, Sept. 15, council meeting, Councilwoman Gina Brusatori said the accident was a "wake-up call" to address traffic safety in the city and asked that the council discuss the issue at a

future meeting — the first week in October.

"I think that we need to improve safety and enforcement within the city," she said.

Other council members pressed concern as

Mayor Pro Tem Letitia Moore said she supported having a full discussion of the accident, but she also wanted to see a city-wide transportation management plan be created to understand how traffic would change, which would also allow the city to visit what the city's asks for.

Councilwoman Potter said traffic has been a problem at Portola Middle School site of the accident, happened only a few days before children were released for the day.

Added Councilwoman Potter: "I'm looking forward to hearing the results of the investigation and looking at what we can do to prevent this again."

Sept. 20 is Coastal Cleanup Day

IT'S TIME ONCE AGAIN for the annual California Coast Cleanup Day, the statewide volunteer effort to remove trash from public beaches and shorelines.

The East Bay Regional Park District's share of the work will take place Sept. 20 at parks throughout Contra Costa and Alameda counties, from Martinez in the north to Fremont in the south.

More specifically, volunteers can choose to help out at one of 12 staging areas in the two counties: Martinez Regional Shoreline at the end of Ferry Street in Martinez, the fishing pier area around the Nantucket Restaurant in Crockett, Eckley Pier on Carquinez Scenic Drive between Crockett and Port Costa, Lone Tree Park at the end of Pacific Avenue in Rodeo, Bayfront Park at the end of Tennant Avenue in Pinole, Point Pinole Regional Shoreline on Atlas Road in Richmond, Point Isabel Regional Shoreline at the end of Central Avenue in Richmond, Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline in Oakland, the Shoreline Interpretive Center at the end of Breakwater Drive in Hayward, Hayward Regional Shoreline at the end of West Winton Avenue in Hayward, Sabre Creek in Fremont, or the fishing pier near the Dumbarton Bridge in Fremont.

Since it's right in town, Martinez Regional Shoreline tends to get lots of volunteers. If you prefer smaller numbers, you might consider helping out at another location.

The workday will last from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Volunteers should wear work clothes,



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gloves, and sturdy shoes, and should bring their own lunch or snack. Beverages, including soft drinks and bottled water, will be provided. Trash bags and safety information will be distributed at the sign-in tables.

It's a great activity for Scout groups and community service organizations. Coast Cleanup Day volunteers always pick up a large volume and variety of trash. Last year 1,556 volunteers showed up to collect just more than 14 tons of debris.

By way of rolling the credits: Major sponsors of the event besides the park district are the Alameda and Contra Costa County Public Works departments, Pleasant Hill Bayshore Disposal, Republic Services, Union Pacific Railroad and Waste Management Inc.

Contributors are BIOTA Corp., Martinez Refining Co., Starbucks Coffee and the communities of Martinez, Port Costa, Crockett, Pinole, Hayward and Fremont. Organizations working with the park district to stage the event are the East Bay Conservation Corps, Friends of the Franklin Hills, Friends of Alhambra Creek, Hayward Area Recreation and Park District, Rodeo Parks and Recreation (R-10) and the San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge.

To volunteer for the shoreline and creeks cleanup, or obtain more information, call Kathleen Fusek, coast cleanup coordinator at the East Bay Regional Park District, 510-430-1783.

Of course the coastline and public lands in general need our protection during the other 364 days of the year as well. Trash pickup and removal is a very significant part of regional park operations. You can help by discarding your picnic remains into the containers pro-

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vided, or, if you are in the back country, by packing your trash out to a litter barrel.

Ned MacKay is the retired public information supervisor for the East Bay Regional Park District. If you have a question for MacKay, write to him at 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA 94605, or call the district at 510-544-2207.

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PRASERT JETMONGKOLRAT of Bole Gallery sets up scrap metal sculptures at one of dozens of booths at the Solano Stroll.

Stroll

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very hard to plan a joyous community celebration," said Lisa Bullwinkel, executive director of the Solano Avenue Association, the business association that puts on the Stroll. "We needed something meaningful, not frivolous."

On a trip to New York shortly after Sept. 11, 2001, Bullwinkel was inspired by the Imagine Circle, a mosaic in Central Park that is a tribute to Lennon. Additionally, Bullwinkel said, children picking up candy tossed from parading vehicles would get in the way, "and everyone who had to walk behind a car complained about the emissions."

"So we combined the two ideas."

Past themes have included "Dancin' in the Street" and "Stroll through the '50s" with a Howdy Doody look-alike parade. Last year's theme, inspired by Sept. 11, was "Journey of 1,000 Cranes," a peace motif dating back to the atomic bomb dropped by the United States on Hiroshima in 1945.

On Sunday, except for an experimental hydrogen-fueled AC Transit bus, a Mercedes Benz that ran on vegetable oil, a solar-powered Volkswagen, electric golf carts and battery-powered Go-karts, the parade was largely made up of walkers, with some wagons, bicycles, unicycles and many strollers.

Many parade participants embraced the peace and ecology

themes.

"Imagine ... a new American foreign policy," read a placard from the group East Bay Peace Action for a Sane World, which also fielded a man in camouflage fatigues carrying fake missiles marked "USA Nukes."

"Go solar, not ballistic," read a placard on a solar-powered car.

Groups representing Democratic Congresswoman Barbara Lee and presidential candidates Howard Dean and Dennis Kucinich, among others, marched in the parade. Many of the booths lining the avenue were occupied by peace, ecology and mass transit advocacy groups.

Jan Taksa, a retired teacher and an Albany resident, noted an apparent scarcity of Republicans and of patriotic references to the war in Iraq.

"Everything seems to be oriented toward peace," Taksa said. "It's Berkeley — what can I say?"

The daylong event featured more than 85 musical and other entertainment acts, including dancers, jugglers and dog trick performers, as well as some 60 food booths, 125 art and craft dealers and 200 community groups.

Ray Anderson, a Stroll official and business owner on the avenue, estimated Sunday's crowd at about 125,000.

Options

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to boost funds for school programs such as small class sizes and counselors.

But the district's massive school construction program is a different matter — renovation plans for at least 26 West Contra Costa schools depended on the success of the \$450 million Measure C.

With its failure, the long-awaited repairs are put on hold. "What a depressing, depressing thing," said Castro Elementary parent Robert Studdiford. "It means my elementary school that is falling apart doesn't get touched."

The voters' rejection of Measure C could have an even larger impact on secondary schools that had been banking on major reconstruction under the \$300 million Measure D bond.

That bond, approved in 2002, had been thought capable of bringing in enough money to fix all the district's middle and high schools.

When renovation plans were broadened, the school district said Measure D would pay to remodel just five campuses — El Cerrito High, Portola Middle, Helms Middle, De Anza High and Pinole Middle.

Now, the projected cost to re-

build and remodel those five schools is \$100 million over budget.

How the remaining funds will be divided, when it's clear there is not enough money to rebuild the schools as planned, has yet to be decided.

"What we're going to do now is look at some possible adjustments for the program that we could make to bring us into budget," said Bill Savidge, West Contra Costa's engineering officer.

Tuesday's vote brought just 22.6 percent of registered voters to the ballot box. Of those, 59.1 percent approved the measure, far short of the two-thirds approval needed for victory.

School board members said the vote was "humbling" and a sign that the community was not ready to move forward with the district's school renovation plan.

"It wasn't an absolute no," said school trustee Karen Leong Fenton. "It was more like, at this time we're not ready to invest more, but we're not saying an absolute no forever."

The campaign's estimated \$390,000 price tag was paid for with the school district's general fund dollars.

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Measure

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bonds, measures M and D, approved by voters in 2000 and 2002, totaled \$450 million and are being used to rebuild and remodel 23 elementary, middle and high schools.

That leaves at least 26 schools without funding to expand classroom space, install new electrical systems, upgrade plumbing systems and rid old schools of asbestos, lead paint, PCBs and mold.

School trustees said they would use Measure C to do that work and more, eventually renovating "virtually all" of the district's schools.

Measure C was the fourth school bond to go before West Contra Costa voters in five years. The bond would have cost homeowners an average annual rate

of \$57.85 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation.

The district's previous voter-approved bonds cost homeowners a combined average annual rate of \$87.78 per \$100,000 of assessed value.

As of Sept. 5, the Committee for Measure C: For the Children of West County campaign had raised \$305,237. A Hercules-led opposition group had raised \$2,000.

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Classes

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School Board President Miriam Walden.

"It's not a world crisis, especially in context of the sacrifices all students and teachers are making this year," Walden said.

"I assume that we all just want to do the best we can with limited resources," she added. "It would appear that we have disagreement about the priorities here."

The Albany District has been trying to save money to bring its financial reserves to 3 percent of its total budget — or about \$650,000, an amount mandated by the state.

Cost-cutting measures included discontinuing class-size reductions in 10th-grade English classes.

The problem is that state subsidies for reducing sophomore class sizes have been reduced. Freshman English classes are now being subsidized to a greater extent — about 80 percent of the cost versus 60 percent of the cost for the sophomore classes.

Parents feel the current sophomore class is being treated unfairly because those students were not old enough to take advantage of the smaller class sizes their grade used to have, and also missed out on freshman class-size reductions that were not instituted until this year.

It would have cost the district from \$13,000 to \$26,000 to bring in new teachers for the sophomore English classes, depending on the teachers' levels of education and experience, said school district Superintendent Willie Wong.

Given that cost, parent Charlie Blanchard said the district should have subsidized the

sophomore class to give the same as the sophomore classes have had.

"It's equity and a question of effectiveness," Blanchard, the eighth-grader and a good program, added.

Other parents, too, agree and have asked to reconsider its decision. Other ways to meet sophomore needs?

Selk pointed out more in fact need to be considered because they want to write in SAT and the first school exit exam.

"The (school) made a decision and a good decision," said Selk. "We could somebody needs to say, 'Whoops, here, let's try to fix it, not yet the attitude'."

Walden said looking at the 10th alone, Walden said the district budget, look at all the public schools, all the elementary schools, the best way to put a puzzle."

School Board member Farrell said he stands about the high school need more information, what, if anything, "I hope with more information, we can all come to a resolution or said, 'I think we will'."

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Section B



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FROM BARE WALLS TO ELEGANCE: Stager Michael Friedes transformed an empty living room, right, into an inviting, eye-catching oasis, left. Staging could make a significant difference when selling a home, Friedes says.



Why home staging works

BY MICHAEL FRIEDES
(CORRESPONDENT)

When you ever consider going through an important event, perhaps your own wedding not looking the absolute best? Definitely not. It shouldn't be the same for your house when it is on the market for sale? After all, that is

the time for your house to shine for all to see. The better it looks, the quicker it will sell and for more money. This is what makes home staging so successful.

When a seller stages his house for sale, he is giving potential buyers the absolute best "first impression" they can have of his house.

Staging offers a way to present a house so that all of the positive attributes of the house are shown, while any of the negative ones are camouflaged. However, this is not the only reason to stage a house. Just as important is the simple fact

See STAGING, Page B5

Handling offers: You need an expert

Part two of two — from the seller's perspective

Sellers often do not know what they are looking for in an agent before they list. Even experienced sellers may not consider an agent's expertise in handling offers.

As is true with buyers (see part one of this two-parter on my Web site), not understanding one of the most crucial functions of your real estate representative could be costly.

How to review offers

Unbeknownst to most sellers, how offers are handled is one of the weakest links in the chain of a residential real estate transaction.

As a seller, you need someone representing you who will treat every dollar gained or lost as though it were his own.

This takes knowledge derived from experience and a caring attitude about what is best



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What You Don't Know Can Hurt You

for you. It also requires incisive, analytical thinking to compare.

See DUNNING, Page B2

Real Estate Spotlight:

New home perched high atop Oakland



This stunning new home has just been completed at 5 Diablo Drive. Designed by Richard Janzen and built by David Ng, it is the first of many spectacular new homes being built on Diablo Drive off Skyline above Montclair. Diablo Dr. is between Snake Road and Broadway Terrace where Grizzly Peak meets Skyline Boulevard. It is four miles from the Orinda exit, over the top, via Fish Ranch Road.

A group of high-end home builders has banded together to create an exclusive neighborhood with 10 architecturally striking homes with expansive views of the bay, Golden Gate and bay bridges and San Francisco. These builders have experience and vision and are all well respected for their prior work.

The first of these new homes in Diablo Heights is 5 Diablo Drive, approximately 5,000 square feet, with a central courtyard, a sauna and a wine room. The style of the house is a subtle fusion of Modern, Craftsman and Asian design elements. Red birch cabinets, exquisite marble and granite plus European fixtures are just a few of the outstanding features. Price: \$1,765,000.

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Real Estate Focus:

Victorian-style home in Berkeley

First there was Oceanview, then there was Berkeley. West Berkeley's vibrant Oceanview neighborhood is home to the bustling retail trade of Fourth Street, restaurants, manufacturers, live/work spaces, artists, and a diverse and lively residential community.

The neighborhood provides a unique opportunity for affordable and architecturally interesting homes within the culturally rich Berkeley community. Its close proximity to the bay, freeways, bike paths and the U.C. Campus as well as restaurants and shopping make it a very desirable and convenient location in which to live and work.



This handsome two-story Victorian (c. 1900), 2113 9th Street in Berkeley has three bedrooms, one and 1/2 baths, formal living and dining rooms and an eat-in-kitchen. The home has a modern foundation, electrical system and heating system.

A fusion of Asian-inspired landscape architecture and California natives, the professionally landscaped gardens are delightful—a graceful lily pond, a climate-controlled orchid greenhouse, a detached garden studio, and for the urban farmer, a chicken coop with four prize chickens.

Price: \$399,500.

Listing agent: Chris Cohn at The Grubb Co., Realtors, 510-339-0400 or visit www.berkeley-properties.com.

How are rates? Well, it's all a matter of perception

Fixed rates are up from their lowest lows last spring. Countless borrowers are disappointed that when the rates hit bottom, the lending industry was so jammed they could not process the files fast enough. Some large institutions were quoting 60 days before an underwriter even saw the loan package.

Those lenders who would lock a loan insisted on at least a sixty-day lock.

Pricing for a sixty-day lock is about a half a point (a point is 1 percent of the loan amount) more than the normal 21-day lock.

Well, as things settle down, one of our biggest lenders, AccuBanc, a division of National City Mortgage, has reminded us that rates are still great! They told us that it was all a matter of perception.

Did you know?

■ Thirty-year fixed-rates are better today than they were one year ago?

■ Fifty percent of all outstanding mortgage debt is still refinanced at today's rates?

■ 5/1 ARMs (30 year amortized loan, fixed for 5 years and then becomes a one-year adjustable rate mortgage) are still in the 4.75 percent range?

■ The start rate on a one-year

ARM is as low as 3.25 percent?

In reviewing the support material I was surprised to find they were right.

Rates actually did not start moving down significantly until mid-November 2002 and hit their lowest point in June 2003.

The costs for mortgage interest rates move up and down as the market dictates. Since the decision not to create any new 30-year bonds, the benchmark for interest rates has become the 10-year bond yield. When you hear that there is a rally in the bond market, that means the cost of the bonds is moving higher pushing the bond yield down. The lower the bond yield, the lower the interest rates.

A rule of thumb formula, that we have used for several years, is to look at the 10-year bond yield and add two points to give you the current interest rate of a no point 30 year fixed conforming (loans to \$322,700 for a single family home).

The 10-year bond yield in June 2003 averaged 3.30 percent and the zero point interest rate was about 5.375 percent. In August 2003 the ten-year bond bounced up to 4.40 percent and the zero point interest rate was 6.375 percent.



KAREN SENZIG
Mortgage Madness

So, as AccuBanc reminded us, interest rates are still the lowest in 40 years, just not as low as last spring.

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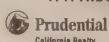
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contrast and anticipate the differences between potential buyers.

As an example, suppose seven offers were received on a home listed at \$575,000. Three were clearly superior. Their prices were relatively close: \$630,000, \$635,000 and \$650,000. The \$630,000 bid was 50 percent down, a \$5000.00 initial deposit and no contingencies. He plans to live in the home.

The \$635,000 offer had 25 percent down, a \$25,000 initial deposit, an inspection contingency of seven days and a 17 day loan contingency. He will live in the property.

The \$650,000 offer was 10 percent down, a \$10,000 initial deposit, no inspection contingency and a seven day loan contingency. This will be a second, part-time home for him. All had pre-approval letters and a 30 day close of escrow.

Given the above scenario, which is the strongest buyer for your home? Top professionals recognize that more information is needed about each offer before any determination can be made. It is a mistake to assume too much and analyze too little. Buyers' motivations and source of funds need to be queried. A sharp agent asks enough questions to elicit the salient facts.

Where is the cash coming from for the \$630,000 offer? In this instance, it is from the sale of the buyer's property that just went into escrow. This was not apparent because it was undisclosed in the purchase contract. The pre-approval letter said the buyer's funds had been verified, but did not explain they were coming from a sale.

The buyer's agent does substantial business, but has been known to be less than forthright in his dealings. These variables make the bid tenuous, and I believe this is the weakest of the three contenders.

The \$635,000 offer has cash in a money market account that can be quickly transferred to the escrow. He is working with a respected, local agent and a mortgage broker well known in the area. This offer sounds good ex-

cept the price is not the highest. When you interview people to list your home, ask this question: "If you were my agent, how would you handle offers on my behalf?" Although there are numerous important tasks a listing agent needs to do for you, handling offers effectively is at the top of the list.

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The \$650,000 buyer is using a Realtor and mortgage broker from Carmel. He will occupy the house when he has business in the Bay Area. Although it has the top price, the buyer may not have the same emotional investment as those who will use the home as a principal residence. Also, it could be risky to deal with an out-of-area agent and lender.

Earning that commission

What to do? There are numerous options and only the most qualified agents consistently perform well during "crunch time."

One alternative is to accept the highest offer and dismiss the other two. This could work out, but it would not be my first choice for the reasons above.

Another possibility is to give all three a "multiple counter offer." The \$635,000 and \$630,000 buyers would be countered at a price of \$650,000. Each would have "terms" tightened. The \$650,000 buyer would be asked to increase his initial deposit.

This method is frequently used and it is disliked by both buyers and their agents. First, buyers who offer over asking generally find it greedy and overreaching for a seller to ask even more. Second, even if a buyer agrees to all the seller's conditions and signs the counter, he is not guaranteed a ratified contract. With multiple counters, it is the seller's choice which one to select.

The approach I recommend is to concentrate on the buyer whose overall "story" makes the most sense, even if his price is not the highest. In this instance, that is the \$635,000 buyer. If his agent was called and the buyer was given the opportunity to change his offer if he chose to do so (the other offers would not be disclosed), he might go higher. If his adjusted bid was equal or close to the \$650,000 one, that would, in my opinion, make him the one the seller should choose.

In practice, however, the \$635,000 offer would most likely

not be handled in this way. The seller would risk having one with the greatest offer at closing. (See my previous article "Determining the Strongest Offer" on my Web site.)

Some agents feel that with no contingencies, especially true. The two contingencies are inspections and home sale. A buyer's own, this potential for future hassles. Should the buyer discover problems he didn't know about, he could be "pressured" into contingencies and more compensation.

The omission of a contingency does not mean the seller does not need a loan pre-approval letter for a "proof." Many agents who sell on this concept "sell" their sellers' approval. (See my previous article "Ten Contingencies" on my Web site.)

Final thoughts

When you interview people to list your home, ask this question: "If you were my agent, how would you handle offers on my behalf?" Although there are numerous important tasks a listing agent needs to do for you, handling offers effectively is at the very top of the list. The one who provides a clear explanation, with examples, gives you confidence in his abilities. Doing less or not at all.

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Frenzied seller's market continues to set buyers on edge

Return to March 2000 Number
in a series of true experiences
in real estate. Note from T & A:
This column was written
more than 3 years ago, today's mar-
ket is very different, we're sorry to say, very much
different.

There are strange and unsettling
things going on in this market to-
day, you already have heard, no
doubt, that there are houses on
the market for \$80, even \$30, offers are made,
you probably know that overbids
are common, that some houses are
selling for one hundred thousand
dollars more than asking price,
sometimes even more than that.

We hear about new ones every
day, just when we think we've been
bored beyond our ability to be
bored further, there's a new story
in a Fruitvale area Oakland house
sold for \$299,000 has sold, we
hear, for \$460,000. Another in
Berkeley's Elmwood with an asking
price of \$475,000 closed for
\$520,000. And, of course, there are
many other examples.

"How can that be?" agents ask
each other. "That house with the
original, old kitchen? It was charm-
ing, it sold for what?"
We run in and out of houses on
a daily basis, hear snippets of conver-
sation and stop long enough to find
out the details of another unbeliev-

able sale.

We hold open houses and are
amazed at the numbers of poten-
tial buyers. Some of them pause to
talk, to tell us they have bid on
six or seven or 10 different houses
and lost them all.

At our last open house, a
woman stood in the kitchen look-
ing decidedly sad, so much so that
Anet asked what was wrong. The
woman answered that the house
was so beautiful, she was sure that
she and her husband could not bid
high enough to buy it. They'd al-
ready lost nine others.

This would-be buyer was stand-
ing in a house that she would like
to own, but she was in the process
of a mental forecast, going over a
scene she'd experienced before.
She could hear what the conversa-
tion between herself, her husband
and their agent would be, how they
would decide how much to offer,
how far to go over list price.

Then they'd write it up and after
that, they'd wait, fearful to hear how
many offers there were, and eventu-
ally, who had won. She was sure
it wouldn't be them; they'd be dis-
appointed again.

These are sad stories. Buyers are
searching for houses to buy that
are further and further away from
where they intended to live. If they

began in Berkeley, they're now look-
ing in El Cerrito, Oakland or San
Leandro. If they had in mind living
in San Francisco, they've given up
on that idea and are looking for
houses in Berkeley. Still, many re-
main unsuccessful.

Unfortunately, in the course of
the frenzy, some important courtes-
ies have, in some cases, gone by
the wayside.

For example, some agents, not
knowing how to handle a large
number of offers, have given up on
face-to-face offer presentations.
They tell buyers' agents that they'll
accept sealed bids on a certain day.
"Just deliver or fax them to my of-
fice by 5 p.m.," they say, and the
buyers' agents, having no option,
do just that.

They are not afforded the tradi-
tional opportunity to personally
meet with the seller, to describe the
offer they have written and to talk
about their buyers, why these buy-
ers selected this particular house.

Later, probably the following day,
these agents whose buyers are anx-
ious, perhaps unable to sleep as
they wait to hear the outcome of
their bids to buy, call the listing
agent to ask who won. We have
been told that there are listing
agents who do not even bother to
let the losers know that they've lost,

let alone thank them for their efforts.
One agent told us that she learned
her buyer's offer had not been ac-
cepted only when the pending sale
showed up on the multiple listing
computer.

There is discourtesy from sell-
ers, too. We've heard about sellers
who offered their houses at a cer-
tain price, listened to one or more
offers, then decided that none was
high enough, so raised the asking
price. This is not right.

Perhaps the highest offer re-
ceived was "only" \$20,000 over list
whereas the seller had his heart set
on an overbid of at least \$50,000.
Disappointed (and greedy), the
seller refuses to sell, raises the
price, and waits for another buyer.

While no seller can be made to
sell his house, the list price should
be carefully considered and should
be a price that the seller would be
willing to accept, not just a "jump-
ing off" place which the seller may
abandon later.

It is our feeling that in this wild
and crazy market, it must be re-
membered that it is the buyers who
make the market. Without them, af-
ter all, there would be no sales.

Especially at this time, we think,
sellers and their agents must bend
over backwards to offer everything
possible to buyers. The selling of

houses often occurs these days
very quickly.

A buyer sees the house for per-
haps an hour or two, then must
commit in a big way to buying it.
For this reason, for the stress that
accompanies such a move, for the
sake of simple good grace, every
effort should be made to obtain and
provide all manner of information
about the condition of every house.
Disclosures must be thought-
fully and fully written, bids for ter-
mite and other work made available
before offers are made.

It's just not good for a buyer to
find that the person holding the
open house isn't the listing agent
but a substitute who knows no par-
ticulars about the house.

It is wrong when whomever is
there does not yet have a termite
report, has no idea what the age of
the roof is, doesn't even know if
stove and refrigerator are included
in the sale.

This isn't a sweater or pair of
shoes that is being sold; we're talk-



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pects of owning a house, and how
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life of a house. Repairing a home and
how the components of a house
remain in serviceable condition.
A valuable new resource available
to homeowners to assist them in
understanding what types of main-
tenance are required on a home,
and when they should be per-
formed.

MacLellan Wolfson Associates,
an East Bay Area company specializing
in construction consultation, has
published a manual written in
simple language that outlines and
explains what maintenance steps
are necessary for maintaining a
home, and when the maintenance
should be performed, and what skill
is necessary to perform the

work. The manual was written by
MacLellan and George Wolfson
and is called the National
Home Maintenance Manual. The
manual is unique in that it ad-
dresses the issue of home main-
tenance from a broad perspective,
and then discusses the specific
annual components in a home that
need to be maintained.

I spoke with George Wolfson
about his manual and why he and Mac-
Lellan decided to publish a manual de-
voted to home maintenance. He
said that as construction consul-
tants, they recognized there are
many misconceptions about the
maintenance and the neces-
sity for maintaining a house.

Many of the construction defect
claims our company has dealt with
involved issues of neglected
maintenance," Wolfson said.

"We saw the need to develop a
set of maintenance standards that
were reasonable, doable, and which
would prevent services that historically
have been done to preserve homes.
We researched and assembled
standards in a modern for-
mat and created a useful reference
to be used by both builders
and homeowners."

The authors organized the man-
ual by first listing the 10 most com-
mon mistakes homeowners make
that can cause damage to the struc-
ture and potentially void the
builder's warranty.

The number-one item on the list
is the fact that homeowners often
forget the way water drains away
from the building. Builders are re-
quired by code to ensure that the
ground adjacent to the house
slopes away from the house to en-
sure that water does not pool next to
the foundation.
Homeowners often (without re-
alizing) change the landscape grade
near the house when they finish grade
the yard, or when they install pa-
vings or decks. By the end of the
project, the soil is usually sloped
toward the house, allowing water
to run toward the building.
Over time, this can cause build-
ing settlement, cracking of interior
exterior surfaces, and a slop-
ing of the floors. If the house set-
tles as the result of the exterior
grade being changed, the
builder may not be responsible for
repairing any damages that may
be incurred. The manual offers
clear suggestions on how to
ensure proper drainage around
the house.

When describing the most com-

mon mistakes homeowners make
with their homes, the authors divide
the components of the house into
nine areas, with each being de-
scribed in a particular chapter.

The chapters include founda-
tions, floors and ceilings, walls,
roofs, exterior components, in-
terior components, utility systems,
the property site, and miscella-
neous items such as noise trans-
mission, mold and mildew and
smoke detectors.

The beauty of this manual is that
the authors provide a general back-
ground description of the item, and
then discuss the factors that influ-
ence the performance of the item
and what conditions would be con-
sidered normal during the life of the
house. They also discuss whether
the maintenance item requires the
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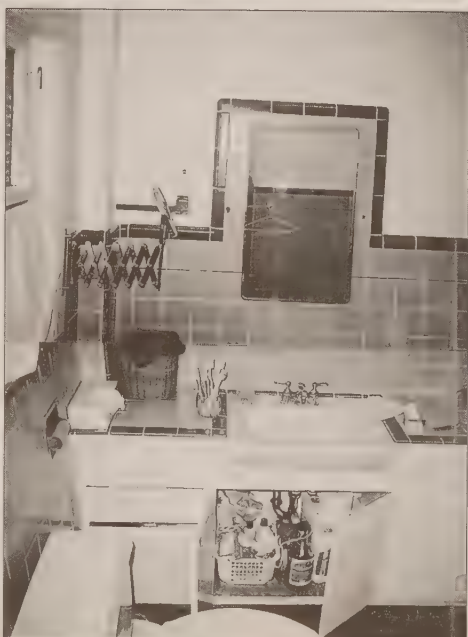
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Re-listed home not always a 'red flag'

■ Should you buy a home that's back on the market?

INMAN NEWS FEATURES

Suppose you've been looking for months for a home to buy. The one weekend you're out of town, you miss a new listing that sounded just right. It sold before you even had a chance to see it. Now it's back on the market. You're wondering if you should jump at the opportunity or keep on looking.

A listing that's back on the market can carry a stigma of sorts. Someone who had been serious about buying the property turned it down. This could be a red flag that indicates there's something wrong with the property, but it's not necessarily so.

Most listings that come back on the market do sell again—often for a lower price. In fact, a listing that's back on the market could present a good buying opportunity for an enterprising buyer.

Recently buyers saw a listing they liked just after it came back on

the market. The first buyers had agreed to pay considerably more than the list price because they were in competition.

After completing inspections, they asked the seller to give a \$35,000 concession. The seller said no and put his house back on the market.

The second buyers read all the disclosures and reports on the property, including an engineer's report that the seller ordered after his first deal fell apart.

This report eased the buyers' anxiety about the condition of the property.

They made a good offer, but did not offer more than the asking price. Although the listing sold the first time with multiple offers, it failed to attract such significant attention the second time around.

HOUSE HUNTING TIP: Before getting serious about a listing that's back on the market, find out why the first transaction fell apart. If it was due to defects that were discovered during the buyers' in-

DIAN HYMER
Photo: H. Hymer

spectations, ask to see inspection reports and repairs.

Most property defects are paired. Find out how many pairs will cost and make a price that takes the repair work into account. A seller for a credit to cover all of the repairs. After the transaction, a seller may be reasonable in negotiating subsequent buyers.

Transactions can also be because of a glitch in the financing. Recently a prospective buyer made an offer to buy a property at a price that was less than what he could afford. The mortgage broker assured the agent that there would be no problem with the buyer's financing, but the buyer's deposit check and the listing was back on the market due to no fault of the buyer.

Occasionally, a buyer's job during the purchase process. Even though he was when he made the offer, he longer able to obtain the needed. Again, this has to do with the house, it's a seller's back luck.

Buyer's remorse can happen in multiple situations when the winning bid offering more than the seller's asking price. A day when reality sets in, he hadn't been so sure. In this situation, buyers often simply back out from the contract.

THE CLOSING: In a hot market, you may find a listing that's back on the market sell again for a price equal more than the first sale price depends on supply and demand.

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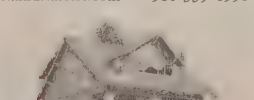


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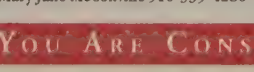
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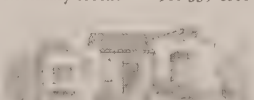


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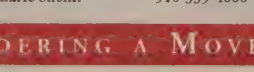
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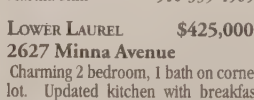
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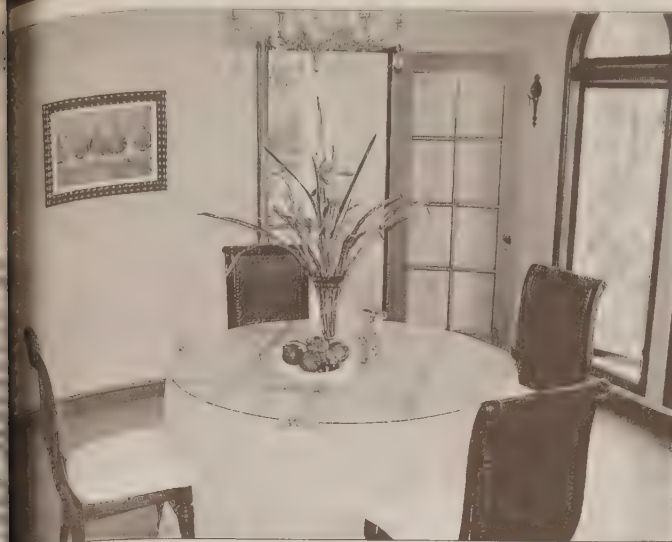
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FROM BLAND TO BEAUTIFUL: Staging the Piedmont home's dining room adds touches that may sway a prospective buyer.

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Michael Friedes



Staging

Heavy buyers are now expected to see houses that they tour to be perfect. When a potential buyer sees a house that has not been staged, he generally does not see it nearly as well to one that has been staged well. Sometimes this can be a subconscious reaction, but other times it can be a very conscious one. An experienced stager looks at a house in a different way than a homeowner or realtor does. The stager looks at the house and analyzes what needs to be done to make it its most positive way. I often see the homeowners that stage a suspension of reality. We all know that we live with television, clock radios, coffee makers and the kid's toys stashed in every room. However, when a buyer

walks into a house for sale, he does not need or want to see these things. If a potential buyer is too busy noticing the old photograph of Aunt Bertha at the beach, instead of how big and light the living room, visual obstacles and distractions have been created.

Instead a stager with the appropriate design background can offer the homeowners design services specifically geared towards staging their house. If a potential buyer can walk into a house and not see all of the clutter of day-to-day life, but instead see something that looks like the pages out of home magazine, the seller will get a much more positive reaction from that buyer.

This could mean the right-sized furniture, placed in the appropriate arrangement to allow the room to look its best. It is also a well-known fact that contrary to logic, empty

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Schneider

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For example, in Chapter 3, the authors provide a succinct discussion of stucco, wood, vinyl, and composite siding.

They explain how external forces such as the sun, weather, and drainage around a building affect siding, why siding cracks, discolors and loosens. In addition, they provide general comments and recommendations on how to maintain the material.

In Chapter 4 they discuss the different type of roofs available, and the owner's responsibility for regularly inspecting the roof and keeping all of the sheet metal valleys free of leaves and debris. This is all done in an easy to understand format.

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Readers may address their comments to John Schneider, 24326 Mission Blvd., Suite 7, Hayward, CA 94544, Fax 510-537-8666, or on the Web at www.allabouthomes.com.

Irrigation

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project size and budget. Contact these references and ask questions. Did the contractor stay within budget? Were they satisfied with the work and would they recommend the contractor to others? If possible, go see these landscapes in person.

Ask for a written bid that includes a scaled plan, breakdown of system components by cost and warranty information. The contractor should attach all license, reference, certification and insurance information.

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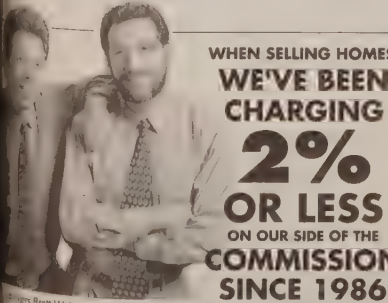
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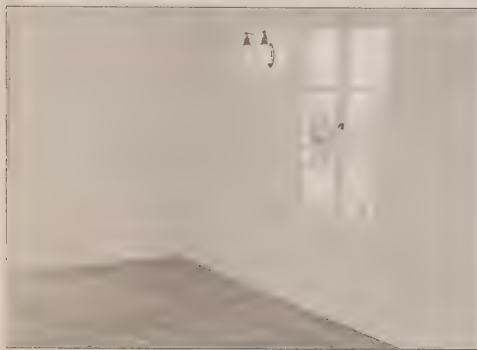
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FROM EMPTINESS TO A FIELD OF DREAMS: Staging turned the home's master bedroom from an empty shell, left, to something much more attractive to a prospective buyer, above.

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Staging

By AD B5

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been staged. Maybe even more important than this is that they almost certainly sell for more money than if the house had not staged a house at all.

The fee for staging a house varies depending on the size of the house, how many rooms, the size and condition of the rooms and if the house is vacant or occupied.

One can expect a minimum fee of \$2,000 that can easily go upwards of \$10,000. Often, you

will see the money back three to four times the amount of the fee. How often can you say that about other investments in such a short amount of time?

When all is said and done, invariably what I hear the most from the homeowner is, "My house has never looked this good! I don't think I want to move now."

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Karen Ward of RE Loan Mortgage in Albany is the facilitator for a variety of workshops for the homebuyer. The "Homebuyer Finance" workshop is a review of the overall loan process and lender guidelines. "Home Buyer Basics" is a workshop for first-time buyers with a soup to nuts overview of all aspects of homebuying. The "Woman To Woman Workshop" educates women on the basic principles of homebuying. Issues and concerns dealing with women are addressed in "womanspeak." For more information and dates of upcoming workshops contact Ward at 510-559-4000.

COMMUNITY FUND

Realtors Joan Morrow of Prudential California Realty, Arlene Acuna of Millstein & Associates, Juanita Simon of Coldwell Banker, Naomi Kane of Thornwall Properties and Association Executive Terry Murphy have revitalized the "Homeless Committee" and the "Homeless Fund" concept. The result is the all-new "Community Issues Task Force" and the "BAR Community Fund." The focus is on making the community a better place to live and work. Make a donation by calling 510-848-2439.

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AFFILIATE APPRECIATION

The Affiliate Committee of the Oakland Association of Realtors presents the Third Annual Realtor Appreciation Night, "An Evening On The Terrace." The event is Thursday, Sept. 25, at the Piedmont Community Hall. RSVP to Ingrid Westgard of North American Title at 510-867-0496 or Ramadan Aziz of First American Title at 510-339-1230.

TOUR DAY BREAKFAST

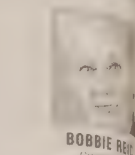
Oakland Realtors are invited to join Oakland affiliates at the monthly Tour Day Breakfast. The breakfast is at 8:45, Thursday, Sept. 25, at the OAR Building. Hear Kelly Clark of Murray & Bradford speak on "Tax Strategies for the Real Estate Professional." Bring marketing flyers and an appetite. Network more — sell more. For questions and parking information call Ingrid Westgard of North American Title at 510-867-0496 or Ramadan Aziz of First American Title at 510-339-1230.

STATE/NATIONAL

It's time for Realtors to sign up for the annual state and national conventions. The 2003 California Association of Realtors Tech Tuesday and Expo 2003 are scheduled from Tuesday, Sept. 30 through Thursday, Oct. 2. Network with other California real estate professionals at the San Diego Convention Center. There is no excuse not to attend the National Association of Realtors Conference and Expo being held Nov. 7 to 10. San Francisco is the location so be there for one day or the whole affair. Check out both events at www.realtor.org.

SPONSOR

The Women's Council of Realtors East Bay Chapter is offering an opportunity for businesses in the



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real estate community invites to sponsor their trade show. "United We Stand" Homeownership for All is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 27. Sponsorship categories are Corporate Partner, Sponsor and Vendor. Trade booths and sponsorship opportunities for all participants. Participation information contact Monique Weathers at 510-452-8280.

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Education for real estate professionals doesn't stop when they receive their licenses. The National Association of Realtors now offers online education, with the University Online. It offers hours of real estate and professional development classes. University Online allows agents what they want, where they want, and when they want. They can test-drive a course before registering. For a list of courses check out the www.realtoruniversity.org.

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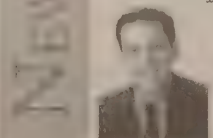
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ALAMEDA

1211 Ballena Bl - \$735,000
56 Bannister Wy - \$548,000
1143 Bay St - \$760,000
339 Broadway 306 - \$324,000
448 Cola Ballena - \$860,000
410 Marshall Wy - \$420,000
1433 Morton St #D - \$260,000
1177 Old Alameda Pt - \$575,000

3 Oyster Shells - \$749,000
228 Ratto Rd - \$707,000
1001 Shoreline 102 - \$393,000
2101 Shoreline 466 - \$320,000
728 Taylor Av - \$489,000
1311 Webster E304 - \$186,000
509 Willow St - \$417,000

ALBANY

535 Pierce 2110 - \$345,000

535 Pierce 5308 - \$356,000
708 Spokane - \$420,000

BERKELEY

1144 Cedar St - \$425,000
1306 Cornell Av - \$495,000
1304 Dwight Wy - \$411,000
2410 Eunice St - \$923,000
2726 Garber St - \$485,000

1429 Grizzly Peak - \$565,000
1521 Harmon St - \$505,000
861 Jones St - \$550,000

2810 Mabel St - \$386,000

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Open 2-4



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1909 Berryman Street

Open 2-4



BERKELEY

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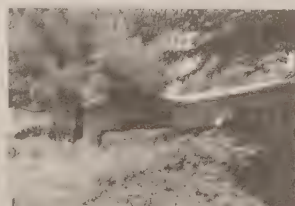
ALBANY

\$379,000

2/1 - Daring vintage bungalow with front porch! Many upgrades include central heat, double pane windows, etc. Fabulous schools.

721 Adams Street

Open 2-5



MARTINEZ

\$450,000

4/2 - Beautiful home on a quiet cul-de-sac in a great location. Immaculately maintained with many upgrades. Views of Mt. Diablo.

10 El Prado Court

Open 2-5



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2/1 - Fabulous Holiday Hills townhouse in a great location. In-unit laundry, two-car garage, extra storage. Pool, clubhouse, greenbelt.

405 Holiday Hills Drive

Open 2-5



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70 Fletcher Court

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OAKLAND - NEW LISTING!

\$1,395,000

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Sales

FROM PAGE B7

847 Peralta Av - \$525,000
1816 Sacramento - \$480,000
2434 Sacramento - \$384,000
1629 Tacoma Av - \$645,000

EL CERRITO

6405 Barrett Av - \$625,000
1007 Liberty Ct - \$395,000
724 Pomona Av - \$475,000

EL SOBRANTE

6400 Hillside Dr - \$303,500
1015 Manor Dr - \$285,000
130 Renfrew Ct - \$460,000
5319 Ridgeview B9 - \$195,000

EMERYVILLE

934 41st St - \$365,000
1118 54th St - \$435,000
6112 Adeline St - \$365,000
848 Aileen St - \$593,500
956 Appar St - \$455,000
6363 Christie 2313 - \$352,000
72 Emery Bay - \$249,000
5855 Norton St - \$480,000

KENSINGTON

255 Grizzly Peak Bl - \$639,000
18 Norwood Av - \$685,000

OAKLAND

1333 103rd Av - \$310,000
2031 106th Av - \$340,000
2154 24th Av - \$355,000
1051 24th St - \$164,000
1067 24th St - \$164,000
655 32nd St - \$164,000
1278 34th Av - \$390,000
424 37th St - \$504,000
720 61st St - \$310,000
2609 63rd Av - \$285,000
2301 66th Av - \$125,000
1833 67th Av - \$270,000
2715 79th Av - \$270,000
1945 83rd Av - \$298,000
951 86th Av - \$325,000
1615 8th St - \$317,000
989 91st Av - \$195,000
2519 Adeline St - \$282,000
3225 Arkansas - \$494,000
6341 Ascot Dr - \$800,000
1610 Auseon Av - \$285,000
94 Bayo Vista 106 - \$234,000
5285 Belvedere St - \$370,000
5320 Broadway - \$560,000
3558 Brookdale Av - \$330,000
4817 Brookdale Av - \$380,500
4047 Brown Av - \$290,000
3201 Brunell Dr - \$538,000
220 Caldecott 101 - \$370,000
5829 Colby St - \$785,500
3930 Columbian Dr - \$403,000
3149 Curran Av - \$328,000
3483 Davis St - \$335,000
2920 Delaware St - \$390,000
4232 Dunsuir Av - \$630,000
4317 Dunsuir Av - \$660,000
3032 East 16th St - \$575,000
4028 East 16th St - \$350,000
1059 El Centro Av - \$379,000

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2102 Magellan Dr - \$1,190,000
6109 Mauritania Av - \$378,000
3824 Mera St - \$275,000
4055 Midvale Av - \$480,000
3130 Minna Av - \$144,000
311 Oak St #716 - \$250,000
311 Oak St #731 - \$395,000
311 Oak St #739 - \$285,000
311 Oak St #821 - \$295,000
311 Oak St - \$346,000
311 Oak St #726 - \$405,000
377 Palm Av #205 - \$300,000
1324 Peralta St - \$230,000
2184 Ransom Av - \$239,000
449 Rich St - \$425,000
10814 Rugby Ct - \$420,500
10818 Rugby Ct - \$390,000
10300 Shaw St - \$320,000
4965 Stoneridge - \$740,000
2654 Sunset Av - \$310,000
5489 Taft Av - \$600,000
5420 Wadean Pl - \$280,000
542 Weldon Av - \$630,000
288 Whitmore St - \$228,000

PIEDMONT

7 Lake Av - \$810,000
29 Manor Dr - \$782,500
403 Moraga Av - \$770,000
100 Palm Dr - \$1,605,000

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625 1st St - \$293,000
428 22nd St - \$304,000
660 5th St - \$285,000
1201 Brickyard 106 - \$427,500
4027 Coleman Cr - \$575,000
323 Commodore - \$269,000
324 Duboce Av - \$182,500
2129 Gaynor Av - \$320,000
572 Key Bl - \$389,000
1818 Lincoln Av - \$276,000
3113 Shane Dr - \$360,000
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441 South 29th St - \$270,000
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815 Estudillo Av - \$515,000
123 Euclid Av - \$325,000
14790 Farnsworth - \$382,000
2240 Gadwall Ct - \$428,000
672 Garside Ct - \$385,000
14790 Harold Av - \$403,000
15059 Hesperian 40 - \$212,000
1815 Marineview Dr - \$750,000
709 Martin Bl - \$369,000
3403 Monogram St - \$500,000
2351 Overlook Ct - \$600,000
14963 Portofino Cr - \$460,000
15210 Ranger Rd - \$665,000
2278 Regatta Wy - \$510,000
1027 Trojan Av - \$428,000
1503 Virginia St - \$365,500
13894 Wake Av - \$349,000
2555 W. Av 134th - \$510,000
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1375 Jacqueline - \$280,000
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LOWEST PRICE: \$186,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$860,000
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AVERAGE PRICE: \$516,200

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TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: \$345,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$420,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$356,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$373,667

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MEDIAN PRICE: \$475,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$498,333

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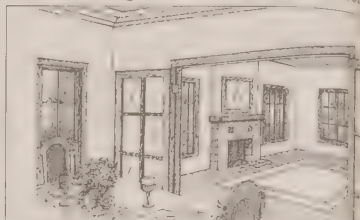
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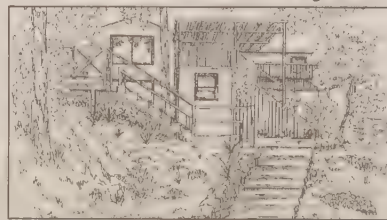
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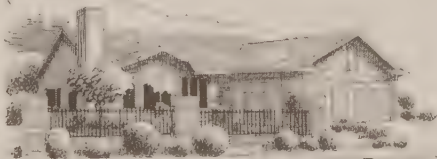


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110 SCENIC AVENUE \$1,450,000
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121 HAGAR AVENUE \$1,265,000
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229 CARMEL AVENUE \$995,000
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210 PALM DRIVE \$949,000
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Extraordinary architecturally distinguished home in historic neighborhood. 3+BR/3+BA, dramatic living room, formal dining room opens to balcony. Asian inspired gardens. Oversized property. Susie Schevill

84 BONNIE LANE \$795,000
Through a charming gate & private garden entry, is this lovely, light traditional 4+BR/3BA home. Custom details by Craftsman Miles Karpilow. Hardwood floors, a deep garden & views distinguish this home. Tricia Swift



65 MARYLAND AVENUE \$599,000
Almost all on one level, 2+BR/2+BA w/downstairs family room & in-law potential. SF Bay views. Wonderful character & lots of space. Lovely formal rooms. Nice outdoor living. Great location! Ruth Frassetto

2932 PINE AVENUE \$545,000
Sweet light-filled Elmwood cottage in a great location, close to College and Domingo Avenue's shops and dining. 2+BR/1+BA. Fresh interior paint, recently redone floors. Period details. Mavis Delacroix

OAKLAND & ALAMEDA - OPEN SUNDAY 2 - 4:30



5652 LASALLE AVENUE \$1,795,000
Spectacular high-quality Mediterranean, 4+BR/3.5BA, pecan hardwood floors, beautiful stone and ironwork, library w/built-ins, open kitchen/family room. Grand living and dining rooms. Susanne Paul

5 DIABLO DRIVE \$1,765,000
Stunning new home designed by Richard Janzen in Diablo Heights w/stellar San Francisco Bay views. Central courtyard, 3-car garage, sauna, den & wine cellar. 5BR/5+BA. Debra J. Dryden

55 DIABLO DRIVE \$1,650,000
Diablo Heights. Magnificent new Mediterranean w/ unsurpassed views. Timeless design & features including two grand fireplaces, gourmet kitchen and expansive deck. Lavish master suite. Jill Carrigan

1293 SUNNYHILLS ROAD \$1,149,000
Renovated traditional located on a beautiful tree-lined street & includes 4BR/2.5 remodeled BA, gourmet kitchen w/granite counters, family room + office. Hardwood floors and two fireplaces. Annie Walrand

6443-45 BENVENUE AVE. \$1,095,000
Fabulous central Rockridge location near BART, shops & dining. Two houses. Front-5BR/2BA, formal dining room, hardwood floors & basement. Rear-3BR/1+BA, updated kitchen, deck & patio. Lori Lombardo

6946 BRISTOL DRIVE \$995,000
Conveniently located in the Oakland/Berkeley hills on a hillside to take full advantage of the serene canyon views. Expansive eat-in gourmet kitchen w/balcony opening to large family room w/fireplace. 4BR. Jill Carrigan

1907 OAKVIEW DRIVE \$949,500
Huge Mediterranean w/Bay Bridge & GG bridge views! Lovely grounds! 3BR/2.5BA. Family room/play room. Bonus rooms. Workshop. 2-car garage. Montclair schools. Chris Cohn

5901 ASCOT DRIVE \$759,000
Dramatic 3BR/2BA Piedmont Pines contemporary w/SF Bay views. Living room opens out to a fabulous covered deck, perfect for entertaining. Dining area opens to private deck. Great location. Debbi DiMaggio

6076 THORNHILL DRIVE \$589,000
A warm & comfortable Montclair home with Italian stone counters, updated kitchen and baths. Master bedroom suite + bonus room for home office. Level side and rear gardens. Adam Betta

3737 LINWOOD AVENUE \$549,000
Sunny Glenview traditional with 4BR/2BA. Lovely formal rooms with built-ins! Level out to tranquil and private fenced back garden with fruit trees and patios! Angela Wei Grubb

411 62ND STREET \$529,000
Sweet 2BR/1BA Craftsman w/hardwood floors, formal dining room & fireplace in the living room. 1-car garage & basement. Perfectly located near BART & shops and dining. Carolyn Jones

201 3RD STREET #204 \$499,000
Superb designer live/work loft in historic Brick House lofts conversion. Spacious 1BR/1BA w/exposed brick walls, industrial windows and rooftop access. Close to Jack London Square & waterfront. Ford/Plowright



1012 GLENDORA AVENUE \$475,000
Charming bungalow in excellent condition! 2BA/1BA, formal dining room, hardwood floors, fireplace, detached garage and private patio/garden. Close to San Francisco commute. Bebe McRae

2101 SHORELINE DR #488 \$400,000
ALAMEDA. Shoreline condominium across from the beach. Top floor unit w/2BR plus loft, 1.5BA. Updated throughout including raised dining room, newer kitchen, fireplace & decks. South Bay views. Kurt Buchholz

PIEDMONT, OAKLAND & ALAMEDA - BY APPOINTMENT

STUNNING TRADITIONAL \$5,850,000
PIEDMONT. Landmark country English estate on almost 3 acres. This elegant 8+BR, includes library & indoor pool & is surrounded by exquisite gardens. Sandra Vogl

LASALLE ESTATES \$2,988,000
New approx. 6000 sq. ft elegant, stately design. Elevator, Bay view, high-end finishes, in exclusive LaSalle Estates (Oakland). Nearing completion. Debra J. Dryden

ENCHANTING OASIS \$2,650,000
PIEDMONT. Beautiful gardens w/lush lawn, arbor & pool surround this 4+BR/4BA home with library and rumpus room. Home needs some TLC to complete a most unique estate. Separate guest cottage. Angela Wei Grubb

TIMELESS ELEGANCE \$1,675,000
Stately new Claremont Pines traditional. Timeless elegance, architectural detail & craftsmanship. 4BR/4+BA. Designer kitchen, library/rumpus, fabulous views & gardens. Elevator serves 3 levels. Elizabeth Dickson

CLAREMONT PINES \$1,595,000
A grand foyer leads to an elegant living room & library, both w/French doors to the lovely back garden. This wonderful home offers 4BR/4.5 updated baths, Alan Johanson kitchen & 3 fireplaces. Linda McClain

PIEDMONT \$1,425,000
PIEDMONT. Beautifully detailed Monterey Colonial w/ elegant formal rooms, updated eat-in kitchen, charming sitting room/office, 3 spacious BR & wonderful lower level rumpus room. Interior access from 2-car garage. Mindy Scott

PIEDMONT TRADITIONAL \$1,295,000
PIEDMONT. A handsome Monterey Colonial in great central location. Three large bedrooms, two new baths including master suite; a spacious formal living room, great family room w/fireplace. Nancy Lehrkind

PIEDMONT COLONIAL \$1,295,000
Enjoy the elegance & style of this handsome colonial w/SF views. 3BR/2.5BA, landscaped garden w/courtyard, kitchen/family room & wonderful period details. Nancy Lehrkind

CENTRAL PIEDMONT \$1,250,000
PIEDMONT. Stylish contemporary w/ a beautiful gourmet kitchen, marble & granite bathrooms, state-of-the-art eleven seat home theater & 4BR/3BA. Adam Betta

PIEDMONT PINES GEM \$975,000
Piedmont Pines home with beautiful formal rooms, traditional floorplan & lovely terrace overlooking rear garden. View. A true gem! Adam Betta

ALAMEDA \$719,000
ALAMEDA. Beautifully remodeled & spacious split-level home in central Alameda sited on a large lot w/lovely formal room, 4BR/2BA, separate guest suite w/3rd BA. Level garden, 3-car garage. Helene Barkin

BUILDABLE LOTS \$689,000 EACH
Two Piedmont side of Montclair lots. Debra J. Dryden

PIEDMONT CRAFTSMAN \$675,000
PIEDMONT. Sunny & spacious Craftsman w/2BR/2BA, large eat-in kitchen, hardwood floors, home office overlooking the garden. Great location. Nancy Lehrkind

MONTCLAIR CUL-DE-SAC \$649,000
Location! Charming, graceful and rare cul-de-sac home, steps from the heart of the Village & a shared walking trail. Lovingly updated. Gourmet kitchen refinished hardwood floors, lush gardens & stone aggregate patio. Ed Kuo

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Gorgeous loft unit in very quiet & private location at the Parkwoods. Impeccable condition! Fabulous amenities: pool, gym, security gate, spa, community room. Easy commute access. Tricia Swift

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ROSE GARDEN \$329,000
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PIEDMONT AVENUE \$295,000
Spacious & sunny West facing condominium w/2BR/2BA, ample storage and secure parking. Two large balconies. Close to Piedmont Ave. Erika Celestre

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BERKELEY VICTORIAN \$399,500
Handsomeness 2-story Victorian. Move-in condition! Exquisite Asian inspired landscaping + greenhouse & garden studio. Near upscale 4th St. shops & restaurants. Chris Cohn

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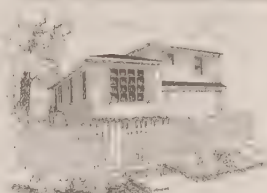
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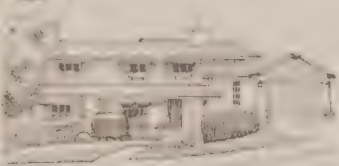
One owner contemporary with level in entry
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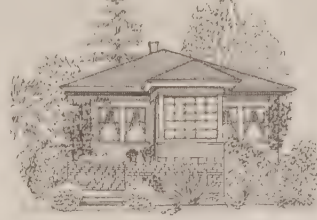
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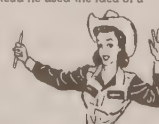
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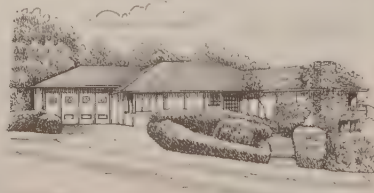
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New Listing. Charming split-level 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with bay views, gleaming hardwood floors and tranquil new garden with deck and flowers galore! Best value on the market
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ROCKRIDGE \$450,000
Huge 4th floor penthouse! Over 1,700 sq. ft. 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Living room has a gas log fireplace. The eat-in kitchen is all-electric with new vinyl floor. There are two massive decks with views of the East Bay Hills and the Marin Headlands. The complex amenities are heated pool, saunas, spa, sun decks and a workout gym.
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MONTCLAIR \$509,000
Mid-century modern contemporary. Hardwood, dining, master suite. Three bedrooms, two baths, renovated kitchen. Level-out deck, yard and garden area with hot tub. Attached double garage. Quiet and private. Good location.
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LAKE MERRITT \$400,000
New on the market is this 2 bedroom, 2 bath co-op in Lake Merritt's famous white glove building. Lake views from the dining room and sweeping downtown Oakland views loom the private deck. This unit with beautiful feminine décor is shown by appointment only. Amenities are 24-hour doorman service, an on-site manager and a roof deck.
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OAKLAND HILLS \$899,000
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Bright and spacious 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo in Lake Merritt's famous Art Deco landmark. Amenities include parquet floors, wood-burning fireplace with custom granite, custom-made bookcases, an efficiency kitchen and laundry storage. Also included are 24-hour doorman and valet parking service.
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UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$1,629,000
4400 GOLDEN GATE AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
High construction! Classic Mark Becker designed home. 4+BR/3.5BA, crafts room, wine cellar, master BR w/fireplace, hardwood, granite. 4000+ sq. ft. James Duffy x1326

PIEDMONT \$1,400,000
451 WILDWOOD AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
Simply custom contemp. 4+BR/4BA w/ space & privacy. Walls of glass, brick courtyard, eat-in kit. Rosalie Woods x1324

CLAREMONT HILLS \$1,395,000
4700 MARLBOROUGH TERR. (Open 2-4:30)
Stunning & stylish 4BR/3.5BA contemporary by Phil Perkins in 2000. Wonderful kitchen, soaring ceilings, exceptional finishes. Dee Knowland x1318



CROCKER HIGHLAND \$1,095,000
484 LONGRIDGE RD. (Open 2-4:30)
Wonderful 2-story traditional. 4BR/2.5BA. Master suite, FDR, cook's kitchen, hardwood floors & fireplace. Large lot w/wonderful back yard. Carla Buffington x1367

MONTCLAIR \$1,050,000
4000 BROADWAY TERR. (Open 2-4:30)
A superb SF Bay view sparkles & dazzles from nearly every window of this beautiful 4+BR/2.5BA Mediterranean home. 4BR/2.5BA Kathleen Callahan x1343

MONTCLAIR \$949,000
4000 WOODROW DR. (Open 2-4:30)
Stunning newer home w/impeccable finishes & enchanting outdoor spaces. 3BR/2.5BA and 2 family rooms. Denise A. Flanagan x1354

MONTCLAIR \$829,000
4000 BROADWAY TERR. (Open 2-4:30)
Warm & inviting 5 year old contemporary. 3BR/2.5BA, family room, open split-level floor plan. Close to Montclair Village. Michelle Miller x1335



UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$799,000
4000 BUENA VISTA AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
Very attractive chic level-in contemporary in great area! 3+BR/2+BA, library w/ view. Italian tile floors. Dee Knowland x1318

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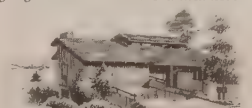
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LINCOLN HEIGHTS \$795,000
40 CAMELLIA PL. (Open 2-4:30)
Level-in Bay view rancher! Wheelchair & disabled accessible. 3+BR/3BA, dining rm, eat-in kit. Indoor "Endless Current" lap pool. Jeffrey Himmel x1307

ROCKRIDGE \$775,000
321 GLENDALE AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
Stately 3+BR/2BA traditional w/bright, spacious rooms. Beautiful architectural details. Updated kit opens to garden. Quasi au-pair. Steven Biasatti x1379

MONTCLAIR \$739,000
5797 SCARBOROUGH DR. (Open 2-5)
Warm & inviting 4BR/2.5BA home w/Bay view, decks, family room, walls of glass, hot tub & dark room. Kathy Flynn x1317

NORTH BERKELEY \$695,000
2418 CEDAR ST. (Open 2-5)
New Listing! Bright & gracious Northside Colonial close to UC, BART & Chez Panisse. 3BR/2.5BA, study, full basement, attached garage. Great condition! Gini Erck x1339



MONTCLAIR \$655,000
9359 SKYLINE BLVD. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! One owner contemporary w/level-in entry patio & garden off family room. SF Bay view. 3BR/2.5BA, kit/lam rm combo. Wendy Gardner Ferrari x1303

MONTCLAIR \$649,000
5711 CABOT DR. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Charming light-filled English-style 3BR/2.5BA home, private setting, stylishly updated, lovely gardens & patios for outdoor enjoyment. Leslie Avant x1341

OAKLAND HILLS \$629,000
20 HILLCREST CT. (Open 2-4:30)
Sharp and smashing completely remodeled townhouse. 3BR/2+BA, fab new kit, Bay view, tennis courts, pool. Melitta Besson x1383

MONTCLAIR \$599,000
2838 BURTON DR. (Open 2-4:30)
3BR/2BA home w/remodeled kit, hill & bay views, & tasteful interior. Fam rm, sunrm, 2 decks, 2-car garage. Donna Costella x1355

ROCKRIDGE \$595,000
5182 MILES AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Triplex near BART & shops. 3BR/1BA with eat-in kitchen. Two 1BR/1BA units. Updated kitchens, separate meters & laundries. Bob & Carolyn Nelson x1345

CASTRO VALLEY \$569,000
19532 BARCLAY RD. (Open 1-4)
Impeccably maintained 4BR, 2.5BA home. Spacious family room w/fireplace opens to a beautiful garden, inside laundry, & an eat-in kitchen. Candy Benny x1328

REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$569,000
4273 ATLAS AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
English 3BR/2BA. Spacious & sun-filled rms. Bay/SF views. Lovely garden. Diane Earl McCan x1352

LAKE MERRITT \$550,000
200 LAKESIDE DR. #802 (Open 2-4:30)
Astonishing views from this top floor 2BR/2BA unit. Feels like a penthouse. Approx. 1550 sq. ft. High ceilings, crown moldings, gourmet kitchen. Joanna Gould x1346



NORTH OAKLAND \$529,000
634 61ST ST. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! 3+BR/2+BA bungalow with full basement & garage. Immaculate hardwood floors. Non-conforming in-law unit. Tom Nemeth x1381

ROCKRIDGE \$529,000
5212 DESMOND ST. (Open 2-4:30)
Beautiful 2+BR/1BA craftsman w/gumwood details. Living rm w/fireplace, FDR w/ built-ins. Level yard. Hdwd flrs. Mary Montali x1350

REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$519,000
3654 VICTOR AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
Charming 2BR Spanish Medit. w/sep. office. Split-level. Distinct details. Upgrades. Garden. Diane Earl McCan x1352

LAUREL \$489,000
3075 ARIZONA ST. (Open 2-5)
Exceptional 1922 bungalow. 3BR/2BA, hardwood floors, large remodeled eat-in kitchen, formal dining area w/built-ins. Christian Downer x1340

TEMESCAL \$450,000
404 44TH ST. (Open 2-4:30)
2BR adorable craftsman w/architectural appeal, hardwood floors, cook's kitchen opens to a lovely deck. Nancy Moore x1302

BERKELEY \$430,000
2109 EMERSON ST. (Open 2-4:30)
Fabulous sun-filled, rose covered cottage. Close to BART, shopping, and restaurants. Great condition. Jack McPhail x1336

ADAMS POINT \$429,000
274 VERNON ST. (Open 2-5)
New Listing! Charming 2BR/1BA bungalow. Updated cook's kitchen & bath. Hardwood floors. Level yard for play & large redwood deck. Joanna Hirsch x1366

GLENVIEW \$429,000
1447 E. 38TH ST. (Open 2-5)
New Listing! Charming 2+BR craftsman bungalow w/big garage & huge basement. Original detail. Good condition. Great deal. Fritz Hochfellner x1348

PIEDMONT \$4,750,000
Magnificent English with incredible detail on over 1/2 acre level land. Grand formal rooms, 6+BR, pool. Georgia Cornell x1325

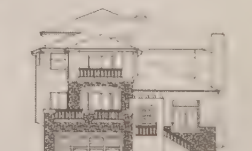
NORTH BERKELEY \$1,850,000
Historic chalet just north UC. Grand restoration of a unique and beautiful home. Maybeck & White, architects, 1906. See More @pacificunion.com. Gini Erck x1339

By Appointment

PIEDMONT \$1,265,000
Delightful traditional w/3BR/2.5BA Family room level out to garden. Nancy Moore x1302 & Georgia Cornell x1325

PIEDMONT \$1,250,000
Charming Colonial on large lot in prime location. 3BR/2.5BA, updated kitchen, family room. Georgia Cornell x1325

EMERYVILLE \$1,250,000
Luxury condo w/sweeping views! Designed for the owners by the developers. 4-car private gar & parking space for 5th car. 3BR/3BA. Very unique! Helen Danhaki x1356



OAKLAND HILLS \$940,000
One of 10 homes under construction on a cul-de-sac w/fab views. 4+BR/3.5BA. Custom touches in every home: designer baths, gourmet kit. David Ichikawa x1331

RIDGEMONT \$815,000
Updated 4BR/3BA w/exceptional indoor/outdoor living. Seduced garden w/hot tub. Custom media center & office. Robyn Mohr x1310

MONTCLAIR \$700,000
Fabulous Bay view lot with large level area. One of a kind combo at the end of a cul-de-sac. Wendy Gardner Ferrari x1303

CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$565,000
Great value for 3+BR/2BA w/lovely hills view. Remodeled eat-in kitchen. Hardwood flrs. Replace. Ann Nichols x1319

PLEASANT HILL \$549,000
Beautiful traditional 3BR/2BA on cul-de-sac. Lovingly maintained & updated. Wonderful level-out garden. Leslie Avant x1341

OAKLAND \$499,000
Light & bright charming 2BR/1BA traditional on huge lot w/landscaped gardens. Formal dining, spacious living room, eat-in kitchen. Rosalie Woods x1324

OAKLAND \$369,000
Sweeping Bay view. Huge .47+/- acres. Level-in 3BR/2BA bungalow. In-law. Updated kit w/sunrm. Jennie A. Flanagan x1354

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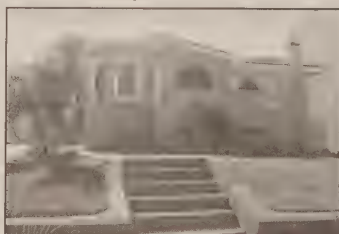
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\$1,695,000



OPEN SUNDAY 1-4

2800 Claremont Boulevard, Berkeley
Charming traditional home has 5 bedroom, 3 full bath, approx. 2,695 sq. ft. Lg. sunny rms. w/French doors leading to garden. Liv. rm. w/frpl., formal dining, eat-in kit., butler's pantry. Bonus rm. in basement. Side yard has lg. spa. Close to shopping, tennis club, transp., Claremont Hotel.

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682 Creston Rd., Berkeley

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Just listed. High in the North Berkeley Hills, this quality secluded home offers Golden Gate, Bay Bridge, and San Francisco views from each of its 3 levels. Excellent home for entertaining with a large living room and formal dining room. Family room with fireplace, 3 bdrms, 3 baths. Maya Trilling 524-9888 x18 \$849,000

1829 Monterey, Berkeley

Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:00

New Listing! This 3 bdrm, 2 bath home has a spacious living room with fireplace and built-in bookshelves. Dining room has built-ins surrounding a leaded glass window. A gardener's paradise with a completely fenced sunny bkyd w/covered patio. Enjoy all the shops and restaurants on nearby Solano Avenue.

Kay Kruse & Gay Austin 524-9888 x51 \$725,000

8767 Skyline Blvd., Montclair Hills

By Appointment Only

Stunning remodel with Bay view and privacy. Random plank hwd floors. Large living rm w/beautiful wood-burning fireplace, separate dining rm & spacious family rm. Tiled kitchen with skylight & patio outlook. Master suite w/tastefully updated stone bathrooms and a Jacuzzi tub. This is a gorgeous home. Spacious and light-filled with a great floorplan with over 2,000 sq. ft.

Chris Ehlers-Hardie 524-9888 x22 \$699,000

4293 Whittle, Oakland

Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:00

A cul-de-sac hideaway just a few blocks from shops and freeway access in the Upper Diamond neighborhood of Oakland. This charming 2+ bdrm, 1 bath plus au-pair offers a flexible floor plan and a backyard to delight the most avid gardener.

Joan Brunswick 524-9888 x12 \$515,000

3028 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley

Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:00

New Listing! Glorious lush gardens surround this delicious Victorian. Much additional potential in commercial zoning and big basement. Lovely condition! 2++bdrms, 1 bath, pretty tiled kitchen.

Jane Allen 524-9888 x23 \$525,000 As Is

1373 Francisco St., Berkeley

Open Sunday, 2:00-4:30

Sweet, remodeled, California Bungalow, on a quiet cul-de-sac, near North Berkeley BART. Light and airy with French doors to deck and private back yard. Close to shops, restaurants and U.C.

Norah Brower 524-9888 x 26 \$489,000

2147 Sand Dollar Dr., Richmond

Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:00

Handsome Marina Bay townhome in convenient "Bay Front" complex. 3 bedroom, 3 bath Tiburon model w/great light close to swimming pool & hot tub. Cathedral ceilings, marble fireplace, gleaming hwd floors, 2-car attached garage & a beautifully landscaped backyard. Minutes to fwy's, public transit, shops & Marina Bay Park.


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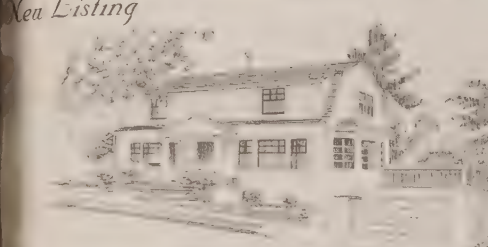
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New Listing




2418 Cedar Street, Berkeley

Open Sunday 2-5. Bright and spacious northside colonial close to UC, BART and Chez Panisse. Three bedrooms, study, 2.5 baths. Great condition!

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11 Scenic Avenue, Piedmont

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Telegraph Hill/North Beach
Spacious, contemporary 2 br/2ba condo in a great North Beach location just half a block from Washington Square Park. 1-car garage parking, in-unit washer/dryer, central vacuum, wood burning fireplace.

\$649,000



Ashbury Heights
Charming 2 bedroom, 1 bath single-family home with partial bay views on quiet cul-de-sac in highly desirable neighborhood. Beautifully renovated light-filled interior with open floor plan and ebony-stained oak hardwood floors. Kitchen includes sunny breakfast area overlooking brick patio and enchanting terraced garden.


\$699,000



Eureka Valley/Castro
Terrific top floor end unit condo with an excellent floor plan located in the quiet rear of the complex with south views of the hills above the Castro and just steps from shopping, night life and transportation. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, formal dining room, wood burning fireplace, 1 car garage parking.

\$459,000

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OPEN HOMES

Montclair \$1,580,000
Sun 2 - 5
1510 Fairlane Dr
3 BR 3 BA Eight-year Contemporary w/ Bay & Bridge views! Amenities galore
George Karsant 510.339.4700

Montclair Estates \$1,500,000
Sun 2 - 5
1000 Estates Dr.
BR 3.5 BA 3+ years new Craftsman in great area. Special qualities throughout this home special!
David Connors 510.339.4700

Crocker Highlands \$1,250,000
Sun 2 - 5
278 Sunnyside Rd
3 BR 2.5 BA Almost new, Bay & canyon views, gourmet kitchen/family room, pool, fabulous master suite.
John Eichert 510.339.4700

Montclair \$795,000
Sun 2 - 4:30
1127 Cedar St
3 BR 2 BA Sunny & updated home near UC campus, gourmet gheetto, shops & restaurants. Gated yard w/det. studio.
Cheryl Cahn 510.486.1495

Grizzly Peak Blvd \$725,000
Sun 2 - 4:30
1115 Grizzly Peak Blvd
3 BR 2.5 BA Cape Cod w/great views, landscaped large front & back yards, updated flrs, FDR, frpl in LR.
Kim Marienthal 510.486.1495

Avis Drive \$699,000
Sun 1 - 4:30
1115 Avis Drive
3 BR 2 BA One of a kind! Gourmet kit., pool, lush gardens and more. Photos available at www.avisdrive.com.
Diana Maggiora 510.486.1495

Burna Vista \$695,000
Sun 2 - 5
1115 Burna Vista
3 BR 2 BA Once elegant Mediterranean home with architectural detail. Owners' remodel stopped midway.
Diana Kay 510.339.4700

Regent St \$679,000
Sun 2 - 4
1115 Regent St
3 BR 2 BA 1907 Edwardian w/fresh paint, hardwood floors, original wainscoting.
Diana Kay 510.486.1495

Elmwood \$659,000
Sun 2 - 5
1115 Elmwood
3 BR 2 BA Charming Tudor w/formal dining & dining rooms, updated kitchen, fireplace, yard.
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Berkeley \$599,000
Sun 2-4:30
2436 McGee Ave
New listing w/state of the art renovation. Grannie's bungalow transformed into great room w/gourmet kit
Rita Zwerdling 510.486.1495

Oakmore (Lower) \$559,000
Sun 1 - 4:30
4080 Harding Way
3 BR 2.5 BA 3+BR 2.5BA, extensively updated, HWF master suite, lovely yard, sep. building for office
Victor Ratto 510.339.4700

Montclair \$599,000
Sun 2 - 5
6211 Valley View
2 BR 2 BA Lovely secluded Montclair bungalow: HWF, FP, redwood decking. Dining area inside/out.
Sandy Ache 510.339.4700

Marina Bay \$399,750
Sun 1 - 4
1201 Melville Square #208
3 BR 2 BA Condo in beautiful Marina Bay. Panoramic views! Near S.F. BART, freeway & Bay Trails
Gregg Lustig 510.486.1495

Berkeley \$350,000
Sun 2 - 4
1849 Spruce St. #3
1 BR 1 BA Plank floors, fireplace archways, and private courtyard. Close to UC/B. & Gourmet Ghetto.
Kim Marienthal 510.486.1495

BY APPOINTMENT

Piedmont \$5,850,000
8 BR 5 full BA + 2 half Sunny & expansive. Large formal rooms, library, rumpus room & indoor pool/spa. Picturesque landscaping designed by Thomas Church.
George Karsant 510.339.4700

Lower Temescal \$959,000
Near Piedmont Ave. & BART! 6-unit building. Five 2-BR units + 1 studio. Gated! All units are vacant. New roof, fresh paint. Nice.
Elena Stone 510.339.4700

Rockridge (Upper) \$949,000
3 BR 3 BA Custom-built 1993. Quality & nice detail throughout. Large kitchen & family room; spa. Motivated seller
Donald Coelho 510.339.4700

Montclair \$800,000
3 BR 3.5 BA Unique opportunity to complete a partially completed home. House is in framed stage & will not be completed by seller.
David Eckert 510.339.4700

Montclair \$664,000
Sharp Contemporary home built in 1996. 3+BR, 2.5BA, vaulted ceilings, FP in LR & fam. rm. Kitchen/fam. rm combo opens to level side area
Joan Alford 510.339.4700

Berkeley \$679,000
5 BR 3 BA Clear simplicity - Traditional home built for space & comfort. Views of Bay, HWF, kit w/bkfst nook, fresh paint inside & out, 5+BR 3BA
Nomi Robinson 510.339.4700

Montclair \$669,000
3 BR 3 BA 1979 custom Contemp. Nice outlook. Soaring ceiling LR w/FP, elevated DR, Fam Rm w/wood stove; HWF, level out to patio. Hot tub.
Ruby Ng 510.339.4700

Rockridge (Upper) \$625,000
3 BR 2 BA Charming Traditional. New kitchen, new HWF in LR & DR. Many dual-pane windows. Plus rm could be BR. Many other upgrades. Nice outlooks.
Dian Hymet 510.339.4700

Crocker Highlands \$619,000
3 BR 1 BA 1925 Trad. English Country charm. HWF, French doors, lovely FP, FDR, break rm w/built ins. Deck, level patio, terrace, garden; garage
Ruby Ng 510.339.4700

Montclair \$599,000
2+BR 1+BA Light-filled, cheerful & charming. Close to Montclair village, good outdoor living, FDR. Outside access to 3rd BR & 2nd BA.
Dian Hymet 510.339.4700

Rockridge/Temescal \$385,000
2 BR 1.5 BA Location! Location! Spacious & charming townhouse, side yard, 3 parking spaces, close to BART.
Victor Ratto 510.339.4700

South Berkeley \$379,000
2 BR 1 BA Truly a fine Craftsman offering all the fine wood details, beautiful lead-glass cabinet doors, beamed ceilings in FDR.
Nomi Robinson 510.339.4700

BY APPOINTMENT

Dimond \$349,000
2 BR 1.5 BA Sunny starter w/gorgeous HWF, FDR, bonus room for great home office, attached garage + lots of storage. Deep lot w/patio & lawn
Darryl Diamantini 510.339.4700

Oakland \$349,000
3 BR 1.5 BA 2-story home w/family room off large kitchen. Family room opens out to back yard & has 2 alcoves for pantry & for sewing or computer.
Joan Alford 510.339.4700

San Leandro \$349,000
1621 131st Ave. 2 BR 1 BA Sweet starter near Lake Chabot. Eat-in kitchen, fruit trees in front & rear. Well-kept Bungalow w/E-Z commute options nearby.
Lydia Nayo 510.339.4700

Charming Tudor \$329,000
2 BR 1 BA Friendly neighborhood, 5 min. from Del Norte BART. Fenced newly landscaped yard equipped w/bbq & deck. New kitchen with new appliances.
Victoria Lei 510.882.2330

Oakland \$299,000
Triplex near downtown Oakland. Live in 2 bedroom unit and rent out the other 2 units.
Terry Anthom 510.339.4700

Richmond \$298,900
3 BR 2 BA All-level living w/expansive family room, ample storage, sizable flat yard accessible from living room.
Lydia Nayo 510.339.4700

Richmond \$285,000
Cute, cozy 2-unit, 2BR 1BA duplex. Great parking, car port, E-Z access to public transportation & freeways.
Reva Tolbert 510.339.4700

Mills College \$249,000
2 BR 1 BA Today's complete starter in a community of caring people! Darling inside, much more than meets the eye. Updated fixtures, tile flrs/crpt.
James Brown 510.981.3061

LOTS

Hillier \$699,000
1466 Grand View Dr. Views, views, views. Residential lot with reports.
David Eckert 510.339.4700

Rockridge (Upper) \$600,000
6401 Broadway Terrace Prime view lot in desirable location. Soils & engineer reports available. Comes w/architect's plans for a Mediterranean-style villa.
Becky Andersen 510.339.4700

Hayward \$129,000
Residential lot w/Bay views, mostly level.
Nomi Robinson 510.339.4700

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EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 8
LOWEST PRICE: \$249,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$593,500
AVERAGE PRICE: \$411,813

KENSINGTON

TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$639,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$685,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$662,000

OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 67
LOWEST PRICE: \$125,000

HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,190,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$335,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$382,918

PIEDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 4
LOWEST PRICE: \$770,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,605,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$991,875

RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 17
LOWEST PRICE: \$182,500
HIGHEST PRICE: \$575,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$304,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$333,294

SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 27

LOWEST PRICE: \$212,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$750,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$417,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$430,259

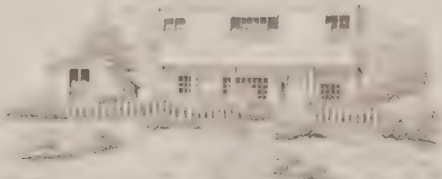
SAN LORENZO

TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$280,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$455,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$367,500

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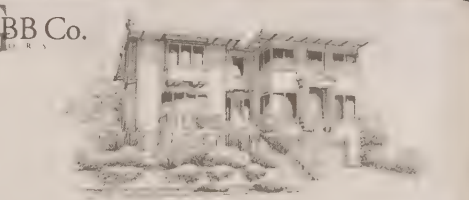
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6070 Contra Costa Road, Upper Rockridge

OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30. Magnificent traditional Craftsman with a contemporary twist. This elegant masterpiece offers the perfect setting for entertaining on any day. Four bedrooms, three baths including a palatial master retreat. Kitchen/dining room combination. Stunning SF and Bay views. Level-out garden.

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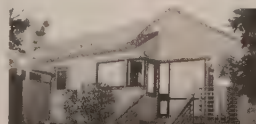
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Urban convenience, rustic charm. Sweet stand-alone cottage/condo. Tucked behind a towering redwood, this studio with loft, high ceilings, great light & its own yard, is a rare Berkeley find. Don't miss! Photos @ www.marvingardens.com
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Ruth Goldstone



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\$599,000
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Open Sunday 2-5
559-2700 x28
Diane Mintz



BERKELEY
1708 Milvia Street
\$749,000
Beautiful Brown Shingle four-plex. #1 offers 2 bedrooms + sleeping loft, lovely light-filled kitchen & beamed ceilings. Large private backyard. 3 studio units (1 vacant). 2 car off-street parking & pretty front yard.
Open Sunday 2-5
527-2700 x32
Richard Morrison



BERKELEY
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One of Piedmont's most distinctive properties - this magnificent Mediterranean-style home with rich Italianate architectural detail has been renovated throughout. On over one-half acre of level land, the home enjoys an estate setting.

Offered at \$4,995,000

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Senior Sales Associate

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132 Hillside Avenue
Piedmont

Located on one of Piedmont's loveliest tree-lined streets, this extraordinary 1907 home has been impeccably updated down to the last detail. The grand interior and well-planned outdoor living areas are just perfect for both formal entertaining and comfortable casual living.

4 bedroom suites, 2 half baths • "Chef's" kitchen, adjoining family room with office area. Lower level includes a media room, billiard room and wine room • Separate guest cottage

Robyn Mohr

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668 42nd St **\$465,000**
North Oakland. Near Children's Hospital. 1912 2-story Craftsman. 3BD/2BA, approx. 1520 sq. ft., fireplace, hrdwd. flrs., wonderful front & rear yard w/fruit trees. Frank Hennefer 531-7000 x235



400 WAYNE #7 **\$359,000**
Lakeshore. 2BD/2BA sunny & bright top floor unit. Master bedroom new carpet & paint, washer & dryer hook-ups, balcony w/view of hills & Lake Merritt. Gated parking, very private. Patsy Buhler 531-7000 x238

CHARMING BERKELEY BUNGALOW
Berkeley. Freshly painted inside & out. Recently remodeled bath. Formal sunny breakfast room. Private level yard w/redwood hot tub. Close to shops & restaurants. Nancy Novick 531-7000 x254

6 PERTH PLACE **\$2,200,000**
Claremont Hills. This is a home you have to see to appreciate, spend some time, look close, ask questions, just under 4000 sq. ft., 4BD/3 full BA, impeccable quality! Heidi Kearsley 531-7000 x295

373 4TH STREET #2A **\$649,000**
Jack London Square. Fabulous loft! Spacious corner unit, 1850 sq. ft., upgraded kitchen and bath, flowing floor plan w/excellent separation of space, award-winning building. Tracy Butler 531-7000 x232



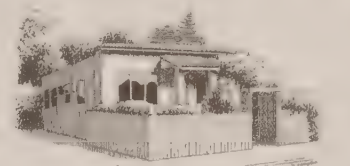
319 NEWTON AVENUE **\$519,000**
China Hill. 1st Open! This gracious Brown Shingle abounds w/original details. Vainscoting, box beam ceilings, gorgeous built-in china cabinets & gleaming hrdwd. floors. There are 4BD/2BA, 2 kit., 2 gar., & a lrg. bsmt. Located conveniently close to Lake Merritt & the many fine shops & restaurants. Heidi Tuggle 531-7000 x286

3009 MADELINE STREET **\$459,000**
Laurel. Charming sunny 3BD/1BA in Laurel district on great street, hardwood floors, living rm. w/picture window & fireplace, updated kitchen & breakfast rm., fabulous large level yard - a gardener's delight! Pedram Karbassi 531-7000 x290



3001 MONTICELLO **\$399,000**
Maxwell Park. Spacious 3BD/2BA w/master suite, lrg. level liv. rm. w/great So. Bay view, hwd. flrs., charming eat-in kit., huge basement waiting to be developed, 2-car att. garage w/interior access. Kate Phillips 531-7000 x228

555 10TH STREET #407 **\$345,000**
Chinatown. Sunny open 2 bedroom, 2 bath with loft space & tile upgrades, parking. Check out virtual tour at wellsandbennett.com. Heidi Kearsley 531-7000 x295



6106 MONADNOCK WAY **\$269,000**
Mills College. 2BD starter on a quiet street near Mills College. Hardwood floors, built-ins, eat-in kitchen. Charm inside and out. Wonderful, sunny. Level backyard. A great value for someone who understands potential. Sold "As-Is." Don Dunning 531-7000 x239

MIXED USE COMMERCIAL
Oakland. Two store fronts w/four residential units. Off street parking located on main road. \$90K Projected Gross. Frank Hennefer 531-7000 x235

SPACIOUS FOUR PLEX
Upper Laurel. Newer construction. 3BD/2BA, dining room, fireplace, 2-car garage, three units have 2BD/1.5BA. Anne Bruff 531-7000 x283

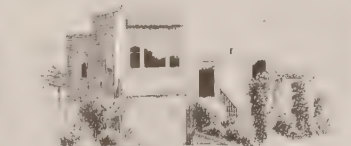
3721 ALLENDALE AVENUE
Alhambra. Gorgeous 7-unit building with updated studios, immaculate, market rents, excellent value. \$9.5M. Immediate cash flow. Pedram Karbassi 531-7000 x290

FIVE CHARMING FLATS
Downtown Oakland. Near Market station. All units very large, many upgrades, cash flow. Anne Bruff 531-7000 x283

4 PLEX W/\$30K PRICE REDUCTION
Oakland-Emeryville Border. Very w/wonderful details. 100 Amp service, hrdwd. flrs., stained glass windows, full \$48K Projected G.I. Frank Hennefer 531-7000 x235



2837 ADAMS **\$495,000**
Alameda. Make this delightful east end Cape Cod cottage your own! It is conveniently located in the desirable Alameda east end. There is a spacious liv. rm., a delightful dining area, an efficient galley kit. along with 3BD/2BA. This is a must see on a large level corner lot. Carol Robbiano 531-7000 x292



2880 MORCOM **\$369,000**
Maxwell Park. Sunny 3BD/1BA, gorgeous ref. hrdwd. flrs., living rm. w/stone fireplace & built-ins, updated eat-in kit., bonus rm. for office/den, attached garage, wonderful decks! Kate Phillips 531-7000 x228



PANO VIEW OF BAY, S.F. & G.G.B.I. **\$429,000**
Maxwell Park. 3+BD/1+BA on cul-de-sac w/private setting, living rm. w/vaulted beam ceiling & built-in cabinets, random plank hrdwd. flrs., bonus rm. for office, attached garage, wonderful level yard w/patio. Kate Phillips 531-7000 x228

DUPLEX
North Oakland. New Listing. Built in 1913 as a 2-story Craftsman. Converted to duplex of charm, though pretty much original. Consider this a cosmetic fixer. Listed by Frank Hennefer 531-7000 x235

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Alameda	Alameda	Berkeley	Berkeley	Berkeley
\$219,000 1305 Webster St #305 1BD/1BA Open Sat & Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Realty Donnaluci Williams	\$595,000 1 Ulster Place 3BD/2BA Open Sat & Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Realty Kathy Bell-Mathy	\$238,000 1822 Berkeley Way -/- Open Sun 2-4:30 Marvin Gardens 510-559-1444 X41 Ruth Goldstone	\$599,000 667 Colusa Ave 3BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4:30 RED OAK Annalise Demuth	\$1,349,000 2709 Claremont Blvd Open Sun 2-4:30 Prudential
\$228,000 965 Shorepoint #207 2BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4 Main Island Kane & Associates 510-337-1293 Joanna Letizia	\$599,000 2441 Otis Dr 3+BD/2BA Open Sat & Sun 2-4 510-748-1173/748-1133 Gallagher & Lindsey Nina Zamora/Stephanie Neher	\$350,000 1849 Spruce St. 1+BD/1BA Sun. 2-4 Caldwell Banker 510-486-1495 Kim Marienthal	\$619,000 1831 Marin 3BD/1.5BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Prudential 510-339-9290 Gene Boomer	\$ - 1708 Milvia St Open Sun 2-5 Marvin Gardens
\$269,000 1814 Main St 3BD Open Sat & Sun 2-4:30 Bayside Real Estate 510-521-1257/521-1647 Missa Dash/Quinn Stone	\$625,000 1443 St. Charles St 3BD/1.5BA Open Sat & Sun 2-4 510-865-2800 Lisa Lawley	\$370,000 2366 Cedar St 1+BD/1BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Millstein & Associates 510-527-0211 Celia Concus	\$629,000 1909 Berryman 3BD/1.5BA Open Sun 2-4 RED OAK Ariane Leonoff	\$569,000 19532 Bardcy Open Sun 2-4:30 Pacific Union Real Estate
\$329,000 1701 Central #H 2BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Realty 510-814-4885 Jeff Goodman	\$629,000 1069 Gardenia Terrace 4BD/3BA Open Sat & Sun 2-4 Gallagher & Lindsey The McIntyre's	\$374,988 5510 Clinton 2BD/1BA Open Sun 1-4 Security Pacific 510-662-8528 Cynthia Burke	\$650,000 2635 Benvenue dplx Open Sun 1-4 Prudential 510-868-1400 Erik Wong/Brenda Walker	\$569,000 19532 Bardcy Open Sun 2-4:30 Pacific Union Real Estate
\$395,000 1350 Regent St 2BD/1BA Open Sun 2-4 Gallagher & Lindsey 510-748-1163 Mila Nakpil	\$650,000 2106 Alameda Ave 4BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Jerry 510-612-6567	\$430,000 2109 Emerson St. 2BD/1BA Sun. 2-4:30 Pacific Union Real Estate 510-338-1336 Jack McPhail	\$659,000 3110 Claremont Ave. 3+BD/2+BA Open Sun 2-4 Caldwell Banker 510-339-4700 Carolyn Devol	\$340,000 1414 Newhall Parkway Open Today 1-6 Help-U-Sell
\$400,000 2101 Shoreline Dr. #488 2BD/1.5BA Sun. 2-4:30 The Grubb Co. 510-339-0400 Kurt Buchholz	\$650,000 2800 Clay St 3+BD/1.5BA Open Sat & Sun 2-4 Gallagher & Lindsey 510-748-1125/748-1166 Troy Staten/Rolando Basora	\$439,000 2901 Harper St 2BD/1+BA Open Sun 2-4:30 RED OAK Nedda Cheung	\$679,000 2803 Regent St. 4BD/1+BA Sun. 2-4 Caldwell Banker 510-486-1495 Jeanne McHugh	\$379,000 1428 Richmond Ave Open Sun 2-4 Marvin Gardens Mary Grell
\$439,000 3029 Alta Vista 3BD/2.5BA Open Sat & Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Realty 510-814-4874/814-4713 Mark Playsted/Russ Grant	\$655,000 1315 Santa Clara Ave 4+BD/2.5BA Open Sun 2-4 Gallagher & Lindsey 510-748-1139 Patricia Gomilla	\$449,988 6020 Arlington 3BD/2BA Open Sun 1-4 Security Pacific 510-662-8528 Cynthia Burke	\$725,000 1829 Monterey 3BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4 Berkeley Hills Realty 510-524-9888x51 Kay Kruse & Gay Austin	\$399,000 819 Everett Open Sun 2-4 Security Pacific
\$449,000 1120 Fontana 3BD/2.5BA Open Sat & Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Realty 510-814-4841 Tom Young	\$659,000 1030 Pacific Ave 3BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4 Alameda Realty 510-508-7959 Carol Burnett	\$450,000 941 Bancroft Way 3BD/2BA Sat. & Sun. 12-4 Help-U-Sell Eastbay 510-251-6000 Tony Wright	\$725,000 486 Grizzly Peak 3BD/1.5BA Sun. 2-4:30 Caldwell Banker 510-486-1495 Kim Marienthal	\$415,000 645 Elm Street Sun. 2-4pm Tarpoff & Talbert
\$456,000 2840 Madison St 2+BD Open Sun 2-4:30 Bayside Real Estate 510-521-1647 Quinn Stone	\$689,000 25 Courageous Court 2BD/3.5A Open Sun 2-4 Kane & Associates 510-531-2274 Wendy Sando	\$489,000 1321 Ordway St 2BD/1BA Open Sun 2-4 RED OAK 510-280-2135 Emma Morris	\$749,000 1030 Miller 4+BD/2+BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Prudential 510-868-1487 Reynolds	\$429,000 7319 Gauges Ct Open Sun 2-4 Marvin Gardens
\$469,000 1053 Tahiti Lane 3BD/2.5BA Sat. & Sun. 2-4pm Rob Platt & Associates 510-823-8001 Rob Platt	\$700,000 1227 Ballena Blvd 3BD/2.5BA Open Sun 2-4 Gallagher & Lindsey 510-748-1101 Ruth Masonok	\$489,000 1373 Francisco St 2BD/1BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Berkeley Hills Realty 510-524-9888x26 Norah Brower	\$749,000 1030 Miller 4+BD/2+BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Prudential 510-868-1487 Reynolds	\$429,000 933 Liberty Open Sun 2-4 Merrilyn Wood
\$469,000 1617 Encinal Ave 2BD/1BA Open Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Realty 510-814-4872 Ginger Schuler	\$705,000 383 Capetown Dr 3BD/2.5BA Open Sat & Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Realty 510-814-4821/814-4817 Elaine Miller/Tim Marr	\$525,000 1034 Delaware 3+BD/1BA Open Sun 2-4 Thornwall Properties 510-848-1950 X248 Sandy Parker	\$749,000 565 Santa Clara Ave 3+BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4 RED OAK 510-280-2135 Francine Di Palma	\$689,000 2709 Del Monte Ave Sun. 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.
\$469,000 3215 Phoenix Lane 4BD/2.5BA Open Fri 6-8, Sat & Sun 2-5 Gallagher & Lindsey 510-748-1148/748-1168 Katie Dimacali/Kirk Knight	\$795,000 22 Kilkeny Ct. 4BD/3BA Open Sat & Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Realty 510-814-4848 Ringo Liu	\$525,000 3028 Shattuck Ave 2+BD/1BA Open Sun 2-4 Berkeley Hills Realty 510-524-9888x23 Jane Allen	\$750,000 1051 Creston Rd 2+BD/1BA Open Sun 2-4 Marvin Gardens 510-292-3049 Gloria Polanski	\$29,500 7 Captain Drive Sat. 2-4 & Sun. 1-4:30 C21 Heritage
\$473,000 1626 Broadway 2+BD/1BA Open Sat & Sun 2-4 Kane & Associates 925-736-7651/510-523-0746 Kathie Ng/Mindy Hart	\$849,000 3255 Liberty Ave. 4BD/4BA Open Sun 2-4 Gallina 510-522-5578	\$545,000 2932 Pine Ave. 2+BD/1+BA Sun. 2-4:30 The Grubb Co. 510-652-2133 Mavis Delacroix	\$795,000 2135 Cedar St. 4+BD/2BA Sun. 2-4:30 Caldwell Banker 510-486-1495 Cheryl Cahn	\$369,000 5529 Beaudry St Open Sun 1:30-4:30 RED OAK
\$479,000 1308 Park Avenue 2BD/1BA Sun. 2-4pm Windermere Properties East Bay 510-521-1177 Peter Fletcher	\$1,150,000 1262 St Charles St. 3BD/4BA Open Sat & Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Realty 510-814-4891 George Muhr	\$579,000 1622 Hopkins St. 3BD/2BA Sun. 2-4:30 Caldwell Banker 510-486-1495 Cheryl Cahn	\$795,000 84 Bonnie Ln. 4+BD/3BA Open Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co. 510-339-0400 Tricia Swift	\$369,000 5529 Beaudry St Open Sun 1:30-4:30 RED OAK
\$529,000 1720 Tregloan Ct 3+BD/1BA Open Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Realty 510-814-4822 Jean Powers	\$550,000 1187 Ninth St 2+BD/2.5BA Open Sun 1-4 Gold Coast Northern Calif Funding 510-428-1158/701-3661 Milton/John	\$579,000 1660 Lincoln St 3BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4 Thornwall Properties 510-848-1950 X250 Helen Walker	\$849,000 682 Creston Rd 3BD/3BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Berkeley Hills Realty 510-524-9888x18 Maya Trilling	\$304,500 41 Astoria Dr. #2 Sat. 2-4:30 C21 Heritage
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\$559,000 2617 San Jose Ave 3BD/1+BA Open Sun 2-4 Jerry 510-612-6567	\$599,000 1017 Stannage Ave 3BD/2BA Open Sun 2-5 Marvin Gardens 510-527-2700 X28 Diane Mintz	\$995,000 2226 6th St 3BD/2BA Open Sat/Sun 2-5 Prudential 510-868-1533 Michele Horner/James Hart	\$995,000 3 Vine Ln. 3+BD/3+BA Sun. 2-4:30 The Grubb Co. 510-652-2133 Susie Schvill	\$579,000 274 Williams Ave Open Sun 2-4 RED OAK
\$575,000 47 Bannister Way 3BD/2.5BA Open Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Realty 510-814-4824 Darin Vinal	\$369,000 70 Fletcher Ct 3BD/2.5BA Open Sun 2-5 RED OAK 510-292-2009 Leticia Chand	\$599,000 2436 McGee Ave. 3BD/1BA Sun. 2-4:30 Caldwell Banker 510-486-1495 Rita Zwerdling	\$1,230,000 1418 Spruce St 5BD/5BA Open Sun 2-5 Re/Max East Bay Hills 510-486-1495 Dave Higgins	
\$579,500 1337 Versailles 3BD/1.5BA Open Sun 2-4 Panavista Realty 510-523-0707 Ramesh		\$599,000 65 Maryland Ave. 2+BD/2+BA Sun. 2-4:30 The Grubb Co. 510-652-2133 Ruth Frassetto	\$1,300,000 2800 Claremont Blvd. 5BD/3BA Open Sun. 1-4 Caldwell Banker 925-253-4601/510-547-1615 Jerilyn Babington	

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85 Kingston Rd. 3BD/2BA 510-339-0400 Chris Cohn	\$429,000 Sun 2-5 Pacific Union Real Estate	274 Vernon St. Adams Point Joanna Hirsch	2BD/1BA 510-338-1366	\$575,000 Sun 9/14 & 9/21 1pm-4pm Mekong Realty & Mortgage	4BD/3BA 510-466-7076 Minh Le	\$945,000 Open Sun 2-4:30 Prudential	35 Agnes Upper Rockridge Barbara McQuaid	4BD/3BA 510-428-0900	\$699,000 Open Sun 2-4 Hill & Co.	139 Sunnyside Ave 3BD/2BA 415-321-4261 Soni Goodman	
652 Coventry Rd. 4BD/3.5BA 510-652-2133 Helene Barkin	\$429,000 Open Sun 2-4:30 Prudential	2807 Madera Ave Maxwell Park Joe Joffe	4+BD/2BA 510-428-0900	\$578,900 Sun 2-5 Coldwell Banker	2+BD/2BA 510-339-4700 George Karsant	\$949,000 Sun 2-4:30 Pacific Union Real Estate	7455 Woodrow Montclair Jennie Flanigan	3+BD/2+BA 510-338-1354	\$799,000 Sun 2-4:30 Piedmont Montclair Better Homes	230 Park View Ave. 3BD/1.5BA 510-339-4550 Nahid Nassiri	
1241 N. Scenic Dr. 5BD/4BA 925-818-8081 Steve Williams	\$439,000 Sun 2-4:30 Montclair Better Homes	18 Sereno Circle Redwood Hills Martha Shin	2+BD/2BA 510-339-4565	\$589,000 Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	6076 Thornhill Dr. Montclair Adam Betta	\$949,500 Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	1907 Oakview Dr. Oakmore Chris Cohn	3BD/2+BA 510-339-0400	\$825,000 Open Sun 2-4:30 Prudential	230 San Carlos Ave 2+BD/2BA 510-428-0900 Agent	
405 Holiday Hills Dr 2BD/1BA 510-292-2009 Leticia Chand	\$449,900 Open Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Realty	79 Shadow Mountain Sun 2-4:30pm Richardson R.E. Svcs. Georgia Richardson	3BD/2.5BA 510-569-3499	\$595,000 Sun 2-4:30 Pacific Union Real Estate	5132 Miles Ave. Rockridge Bob & Carolyn Nelson	\$995,000 Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	6946 Bristol Dr. Claremont Hills Jill Carrigan	4BD 510-339-0400	\$895,000 Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	1691 Grand Ave. 3+BD/1BA 510-339-0400 Elizabeth Dickson	
10 El Prado Ct 4BD/2BA 510-292-2009 Leticia Chand	\$449,900 Open Sun 2-4 Gallagher & Lindsey	3621-3623 Webster St 1BD/2 units Kitty Wan	1BD/2 units 510-748-1128	\$599,000 Sun 2-4:30 Pacific Union Real Estate	2838 Burton Dr. Montclair Donna Costella	\$1,050,000 Sun 2-4:30 Pacific Union Real Estate	14010 Broadway Terrace Montclair Kathleen Callahan	4BD/2.5BA 510-338-1343	\$949,000 Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	210 Palm Dr. 3+BD/2BA 510-339-0400 Sandra Vogl	
3773 Lakeshore Grandlake Jackie Care	\$450,000 Sun 2-4:30 Pacific Union Real Estate	404 44th St. Temescal Nancy Moore	2BD/1BA 510-338-1302	\$599,000 Open Sun 2-4:30 Prudential	6415 Heather Ridge Wy Montclair Eric Johnson	\$1,095,000 Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	6443-45 Benvenue Ave. Rockridge Lori Lombardo	Dup. 510-339-0400	\$1,265,000 Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	121 Hagar Ave. 4BD/3.5BA 510-339-0400 Mindy Scott	
3773 Lakeshore Grandlake Jackie Care	\$459,000 Sun 2-4:30 Wells & Bennett Realtors	3009 Madeline St. Laurel Pedram Karbassi	3BD/1BA 510-531-7000 x290	\$609,000 Open Sun 2-4:30 Prudential	6398 Buena Ventura Ave 510-845-0211 Camille Rogers	\$1,095,000 Sun 2-4:30 Pacific Union Real Estate	654 Longridge Crocker Highlands Carla Buffington	4BD/2.5BA 510-338-1367	\$1,400,000 Sun 2-4:30 Pacific Union Real Estate	451 Wildwood Ave. 4+BD/4BA 510-338-1324 Roselle Woods	
320 Lee St #304 1BD/1BA 510-527-2700 X39 Meridee Carter	\$465,000 Sun 2-4:30 Wells & Bennett Realtors	668 42nd St. N. Oakland Frank Hennefer	3BD/2BA 510-338-1302	\$629,000 Sun 2-4:30 Pacific Union Real Estate	20 Hillcrest Ct. Oakland Hills Melitta Beeson	\$1,149,000 Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	1293 Sunnyhills Rd. Crocker Highlands Annie Walrand	4BD/2.5BA 510-652-2133	\$1,450,000 Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	110 Scenic Ave. 5BD/3.5BA 510-652-2133 Diane Verducci	
6106 Monadnock Way Mills College Don Dunning	\$475,000 Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	1012 Glendora Ave. Glenview Sheila Gallagher	2BD/1BA 510-339-0400	\$629,000 Open Sun 1-4 MAISON NOUVEAU	8866 Skyline Blvd 3BD/2BA 510-849-9900 Heather Sittig	\$1,149,000 Sun 2-4:30 Montclair Better Homes	71 Bay Forest Drive Claremont Pines Jack Breneman	4+BD/3BA 510-339-4557	\$719,000 Open Sun 1-4 Intero Real Estate	20 Linda Court 4 bd/3 ba 925-855-4056 Diane Harrison	
5855 Occidental St 2+BD/1BA 510-868-1400 Erik H. Wong	\$479,000 Open Sun 2-4:30 Prudential	4290 Atlas Ave Redwood Heights Rita Harrington	3BD/2BA 510-845-0211	\$629,500 Sun 2-4:30 Montclair Better Homes	765 Hansom Drive 4BD/2.5BA 510-339-4000 Rosemary Greene	\$1,149,000 Sun 2-4:30 Prudential	7 White Ct Montclair Heldi Marchesotti	5BD/3.5BA 510-339-9290	\$1,175,000 Open Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	195 Roble Rd. Rockridge Ford/Plowright	
3452 Coolidge Ave Lower Diamond Debra Alber	\$479,000 Sun 2-5 Coldwell Banker	6211 Valley View Montclair Sandy Acker	2BD/2BA 510-339-4700	\$630,000 Open Sun 2-4:30 Prudential	6388 Buena Ventura Ave 510-845-0211 Debra Alber	\$1,250,000 Sun 2-4:30 Coldwell Banker	1029 Amato Dr. Oakland Hills David Eckert	5BD/4.5BD 510-339-4700	\$1,250,000 Open Sun 2-5 Coldwell Banker	1278 Sunnyhills Road 3+BD/2BA 510-339-4700 Ellen Lancaster	
2651 74th Ave East Oakland Pam Aziz	\$489,000 Sun 2-5 Pacific Union Real Estate	3075 Arizona St. Laurel Christian Downer	3BD/2BA 510-338-1340	\$649,000 Sun 2-4:30 Wells & Bennett Realtors	373 4th St. #2A 1BD/1BA 510-531-7000 x232 Tracy Butler	\$1,295,000 Sun 2-4:30 Coldwell Banker	15 Live Oak Rd. Claremont Heights Carol Brown	4+BD/3.5BA 510-339-4700	\$1,395,000 Open Sun 2-4 RED OAK	7070 Marlborough Terrace 4+BD/3+BA 510-338-1318 Dee Knowland	
7624 Ney Ave Eastmont Hills Sandi Porter	\$495,000 Sun 2-4:30 Wells & Bennett Realtors	2837 Adams St. Alameda Carol Robbiano	3BD/2BA 510-531-7000 x292	\$655,000 Sun 2-4:30 Pacific Union Real Estate	9359 Skyline Blvd. Montclair Wendy Gardner	\$1,250,000 Sun 2-4:30 Coldwell Banker	1029 Amato Dr. Oakland Hills David Eckert	5BD/4.5BD 510-339-4700	\$1,295,000 Sun 2-4:30 Coldwell Banker	15 Live Oak Rd. Claremont Heights Carol Brown	
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2568 Humboldt Ave. Alameda Patricia Bennett	\$499,000 Open Sun 2-4:30 Prudential	6045 Buena Ventura Millmount LaTarsha Banks	3BD/3BA 510-834-2010	\$669,500 Sun 1-4pm Assist-2-Sell	3635 Virden Redwood Heights Howard Kane	\$1,395,000 Open Sun 2-4 RED OAK	7070 Marlborough Terrace 4+BD/3+BA 510-338-1318 Dee Knowland	\$1,500,000 Sun 2-5 Coldwell Banker	6060 Estates Dr. Montclair Estates Donna Conroy	510-339-4700	
555 10th St. Dntwm. Oakland Heidi Kearsley	\$510,000 Open Sun 2-5 Prudential	4134 Harbor View Ave Laurel Sandy Wong	2BD/2BA 510-834-2010	\$679,000 Sun 2-4:30 Montclair Better Homes	5716 Florence Terrace Montclair Nahid Nassiri	\$1,395,000 Open Sun 2-4 RED OAK	71 Roble Rd 5+BD/3BA 510-280-2103 Marc Gury	\$1,500,000 Sun 2-5 Coldwell Banker	6060 Estates Dr. Montclair Estates Donna Conroy	510-339-4700	
3928 Bayo St Laurel Lois Harris	\$515,000 Open Sun 2-4 Berkeley Hills Realty	4293 Whittle 2+BD/1BA 510-524-9888x12 Joan Brunswick	2+BD/1BA 510-338-1352	\$689,000 Open Sun 1-4 Prudential	201 3rd St #104 Jack London Square 510-339-9290 Hope Broderick	\$1,500,000 Sun 2-5 Coldwell Banker	6060 Estates Dr. Montclair Estates Donna Conroy	\$1,549,000 Open Sun 2-4:30 Prudential	5763 Scarborough Dr 4+BD/3.5BA 510-339-9290 Heldi Marchesotti	\$1,549,000 Open Sun 2-4:30 Prudential	
2327 Aueson Ave 3BD/3BA 510-339-9290 Dollie Henson	\$519,000 Sun 2-4:30 Pacific Union Real Estate	3654 Victor Ave. Redwood Heights Diane McCan	2BD/1BA 510-338-1352	\$725,000 Sun 2-4:30 Montclair Better Homes	5673 Keith Avenue Rockridge Mary Jane McConville	\$1,549,000 Open Sun 2-4:30 Prudential	5763 Scarborough Dr 4+BD/3.5BA 510-339-9290 Heldi Marchesotti	\$1,549,000 Open Sun 2-4:30 Prudential	6070 Contra Costa Rd. Upper Rockridge Steve Michaelides	\$1,580,000 Sun 2-5 Coldwell Banker	
2932 Filbert St loft 510-280-2105 Sara Garabedian	\$525,000 Open Sun 2-4:30 Prudential	2510 Montana St Diamond Greg Smith	510-834-2010	\$739,000 Sun 2-4:30 Pacific Union Real Estate	5797 Scarborough Dr Montclair Kathleen Flynn	\$1,580,000 Sun 2-5 Coldwell Banker	6260 Fairlane Dr. Montclair George Karsant	\$1,629,000 Sun 2-4:30 Pacific Union Real Estate	5499 Golden Gate Ave. Upper Rockridge Jim Duffy	\$1,650,000 Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	
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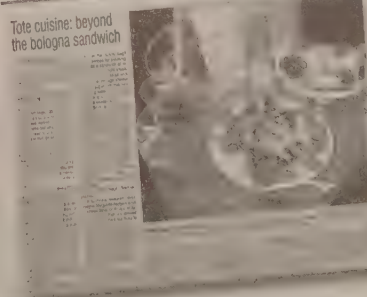
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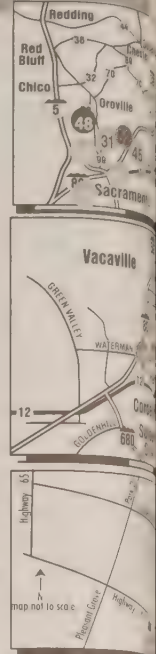
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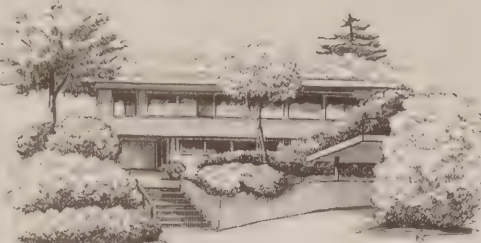
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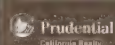


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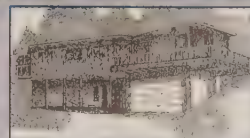
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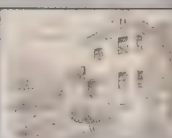
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Section C

PREP FOOTBALL



ALBANY HIGH'S Taddyos Tessema (2) tries to get some extra yards on the ground against Encinal.

Dozier runs over Albany

By Mike McGreehan
STAFF WRITER

ALAMEDA — Before the start of the football season Encinal High School coach Jack Schram decided to move Drew Dozier from the starting quarterback spot to tailback. The reasoning was to allow Dozier to carry the ball more.

After one game, the move seems a success, as Dozier ran for 219 yards and three touchdowns in the Jets' 43-0 season-opening win over nonleague opponent Albany at Willie Stargell Field last Friday night.

"The kid is a tremendous athlete," Schram said of Dozier. "He can write his ticket to about any university in the country in four sports — football, basketball or

baseball. He's a state qualifier in the 200 meters if he decided to run track."

Though host Encinal (1-0) eventually dominated, it was Albany (0-1) that started the game impressively with an opening drive that went from its own 24 to the Jets 12. There, the drive broke down, as the Cougars turned the ball over on downs.

Three plays later, the Jets had their first touchdown as Dozier ran 79 yards. David Griffin ran the 2-point conversion, giving Encinal an 8-0 lead with 2 minutes, 11 seconds left in the first quarter.

The score proved to be all the Jets needed on this night.

"We're small (in number) and we were missing our three start-

ing running backs," Albany coach Anthony Freeman said. Encinal, meanwhile, looked for insurance. And it seemed to come in droves.

Dozier's second touchdown — also of the long-distance variety — came on a 44-yard run with 8:19 left in the second quarter.

Dozier completed his natural touchdown hat trick with 35 seconds left in the half on a 15-yard gallop for a 22-0 lead.

By halftime, Dozier had carried the ball eight times for 193 yards. Dozier finished with 12 carries.

Encinal completed its scoring in the second half on a 15-yard quarterback keeper by Jaryd Manibusan, Griffin's 90-yard in-

terception runback and an 8-yard quarterback keeper by Thomas Christopher.

"We moved the ball early, then we allowed their speed to take over," Freeman said. "(Dozier) ran very hard. And every time we got something going, they would come and stop us."

Albany had only sporadic success after its first drive, often falling victim to its own mistakes. Vozzie Vahn led the Cougars with 45 rushing yards on 17 carries. Quarterback Drew Southern threw for 68 yards on 9-of-16 passing.

Taddyos Tessema caught three passes for 36 yards. Vahn added six catches for 32.

Deja vu for the Gauchos

By Kibby Kleiman
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — Acalanes High School's Tim O'Neill opened the 2003 season with an encore of 2002.

The shifty tailback ran for 147 yards and three touchdowns leading visiting Acalanes to a 20-6 victory Friday over El Cerrito. O'Neill virtually duplicated his debut of the year before, a 21-0 blanking of El Cerrito, in which O'Neill rushed for 138 yards and also scored all three of his team's touchdowns.

This year, Acalanes (1-0) used its ground game to take control of the contest early. The Dons used a 10-play drive on their second possession, all but one carry by O'Neill. O'Neill scored on a 1-yard plunge with 1:32 left in the first quarter, and Acalanes had a lead it would never relinquish.

El Cerrito (0-1) took to the air in the second quarter and it paid off in a touchdown, when junior quarterback James Cannon hit receiver Rafael Warren on two consecutive passes. The second was a 32-yard corner route resulting in a score, bringing the Gauchos as close as 7-6.

Acalanes allowed the home team to get no closer.

With only 16 seconds before halftime, the Dons faced a fourth-and-one at the El Cerrito 9. O'Neill picked up the first down and more, carrying two Gauchos with him into the end zone, giving Acalanes a 13-6 halftime lead.

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Safety concerns prompt switch

■ El Cerrito football team will play next two home games during day

By Phil Jensen
STAFF WRITER

The El Cerrito High School football team will play its next two home games at 4 p.m. because of alleged safety concerns, El Cerrito coach and athletic director George Austin said.

There has been no specific threat of violence at any of the home games and the decision had nothing to do with the recent cancellation of the Oakland Tech-Berkeley game because of talk of potential violence, Austin said.

He said he was informed of the decision on Friday by El Cerrito principal Vince Rhea, who could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

"Supposedly we cannot get enough police officers. I don't know why that is," Austin said.

The Gauchos' game with St. Mary's today will start at 4 p.m., as will their Oct. 10 game with Pinole Valley. El Cerrito already had 4 p.m. starts scheduled on Oct. 31 against Richmond and Nov. 14 vs. Berkeley.

"The only home game we may have a chance to play at night is the homecoming game (Oct. 24 against Hercules)," Austin said.

ON DECK

Men's soccer

■ Contra Costa at Santa Rosa, 4 p.m., Tuesday — This should be an interesting rematch of last season's Northern California regional semifinals, which eventual state champion Santa Rosa won 3-1.

Girls tennis

■ Berkeley at Alameda, 3:30 p.m., Tuesday — The two Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League powers, which tied for the league title last season with 11-1 records, have their first encounter of the 2003 season.

Cross country

■ St. Mary's, St. Elizabeth, Holy Names, Alameda vs. Salesian at Point Pinole, 3:30 p.m., Thursday — St. Mary's and Alameda, a couple of powers, meet in league competition for the first time in four seasons in a Bay Shore Athletic League meet. Alameda, Berkeley and Hercules' cross country squads have joined the BSAL this season and made it a supplemental league.

Girls volleyball

■ Berkeley at Alameda, 5 p.m., Tuesday — The Yellow Jackets

have not lost an ACCAL match since they joined the league in 2000, a 39-match winning streak. But Alameda, which finished tied for second in the ACCAL last season with Encinal, could provide a challenge this season for Berkeley.

■ St. Joseph at St. Mary's, 6 p.m., Tuesday — St. Mary's, under former Berkeley head coach Justin Caraway, faces the always-tough Pilots.

Stars of the week

■ Lavonte Kirven, St. Mary's football — Kirven returned the second-half kickoff 95 yards for a touchdown, then snagged an interception

in the fourth quarter and returned it 53 yards for a score in the Panthers' 28-18 win over Salesian.

■ Brittany Murrey, St. Mary's volleyball — Murrey filled up the stat sheet with four kills, five blocks, three digs and 13 assists in the Panthers' 25-6, 25-18, 32-30 loss to Carondelet.

■ Rafael Warren, El Cerrito football — Warren grabbed two passes for 44 yards, including a 32-yard touchdown pass, in the Gauchos' 20-6 loss to Acalanes.

BRIEFS

Yellowjacket Golf Classic

The first Yellowjacket Golf Classic, benefiting the boys basketball program at Berkeley High School, will be held Oct. 13 at the San Geronimo Golf Course. The tournament will use a scramble format with an 11 a.m. check-in and 12:30 p.m. start. The cost for individuals is \$135, which includes a chicken and rib dinner. The cost for a foursome is \$500 and dinner is \$40. For information call Steve Roberts at 510-520-0644 or e-mail at sroberts2001@comcast.net.

California High School seeks football game

California High School's junior varsity football team in San Ramon is looking for a game on Oct. 10. For information call Fred Albano at 925-803-7412.

Softball league seeks volunteers

The Oakland Girls Softball League

(OGSL) is seeking volunteers for the 2004 spring season. Positions available include team managers, coaches, assistants and board members. The OGSL is a volunteer-run nonprofit organization, affiliated with the Amateur Softball Association, promoting community and sportsmanship through softball. Visit www.ogsl.org or call the league hotline at 339-7268 for more information.

Chabot College softball classes

Softball pitching classes for ages 8-14 will be held at Chabot College in Hayward under the direction of head softball coach Ella Vilche on Sept. 25, Oct. 2, Oct. 9 and Oct. 16. The cost is \$50. For information call Ella Vilche at 510-723-6932 or e-mail at evilche@chabotcollege.edu.

Free baseball lessons

The Bishop O'Dowd High School

baseball team is offering free group baseball lessons for boys and girls ages 10-13 at Triple Play Batting Cages (2065 Adams Ave.) in San Leandro on Wednesdays from 4:30-6:30 p.m. The program will run until mid-November.

The program is the O'Dowd team's community service project. Instruction will be provided by O'Dowd coach Joel Kaufman and a rotation of his players. Triple Play Batting Cages also will provide additional complimentary time for facility use.

Each two-hour session is limited to 12 players, and each player is limited to one session per month. Call 510-568-BALL to reserve a spot.

Baseball team seeks manager, players

Alameda World Team Baseball is accepting applications for manager for the 2004 tournament. The games will be played in San Diego the week of

Aug. 7-15, 2004. Competition is against 14-15 year old teams from Mexico, Japan, China, Korea, Brazil, Italy, the United States and possibly other countries. If interested, contact AlamedaWorldTeam@aol.com. An application and additional information will be e-mailed to you. Players interested in participating can also e-mail for additional information.

Baseball coaching clinic at SJND

A clinic entitled "Coaches Academy 2003" will be held at St. Joseph Notre Dame High School on Saturday, Sept. 27 from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

New SJND boys basketball coach Don Lippi, Cal men's coach Ben Braun and Redwood High School athletic director Jim Halm will be the instructors for basketball coaches who guide male and female programs from the third grade on up.

The cost is \$15 per coach. For fur-

ther information, contact Don Lippi at 814-7145 or 523-1526 and state your name, school, phone and the number of coaches attending. Send checks to St. Joseph Notre Dame High School, 1011 Chestnut Street, Alameda, CA 94501 ATTN: Don Lippi.

Checks should be made out to St. Joseph Baseball. The deadline is Friday, Sept. 19.

Baseball team seeks prep varsity players

The Oakland Oaks Baseball Club is now accepting players for its 2003 fall ball season and 2004 16-under programs. Players must have one year of high school varsity experience and must not turn 17 before July 31, 2004. Interested players may contact the Oaks through the team's Web site, www.eteamz.com/oaklandoaks16, or may e-mail coach Mark Palmore at coachpalmore@yahoo.com.

Kirven comes through

Senior defensive back makes two big plays to lead St. Mary's past Salesian

By Jennifer Starks
STAFF WRITER

BERKELEY — Getting singled by a coach after a game isn't always a good thing. In fact, it can be a darn right nightmare for a player.

In the case of Lavonte Kirven, a senior defensive back at St. Mary's High School, it was a nightmare.

During the football team's home huddle Saturday afternoon, Panthers coach Jay Schram pointed right to Kirven. He had good reason. He made two big second-half plays, both resulting in touchdowns, to lead St. Mary's to a 28-6 league season-opening win over Salesian in Berkeley. Kirven was our catalyst in the second half," Lawson said. "We were two of the biggest plays of the entire game. Not just because we scored, but because we changed the momentum. We weren't playing well, so I called on my seniors. Lavonte definitely re-

turned the game. His first big play could have come at a better time for the Panthers (1-0). St. Mary's needed to find consistency in the first half and trailed 10-7 entering the third quarter. Kirven did something to say about that. He fielded the second-half kickoff at the 5-yard line and ran all the way back for a 20-yard and a 14-10 lead.

His single play appeared to be the shot in the arm St. Mary's needed. The defense held the Panthers to three-and-out on ensuing possession, and the Panthers followed with another drive capped by Fred Vahn's 11-yard run to up the lead to 20-7 with 5:53 left in the third quarter.

"I don't feel we were a good second-half team last year," Lawson said. "A lot of that has to do with being mentally tough. This year, satisfying to come away with the win."

Salesian didn't let the momentum dampen its spirits. The Panthers (0-1) continued to follow the run, but it was their pass game that got them back in the game. With 9:41 left in the second quarter, quarterback Willie Vahn found Andre Wells with a 20-yard scoring strike to cut the lead to 20-14.

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PREP ROUNDUP

Spearman powers Cougars

STAFF REPORT

Alameda Spearman recorded 13 and 17 digs to lead host Alameda High School past San Ramon Valley 23-25, 25-18, 25-17, 30-10 in nonleague volleyball play. Delaney Danielson led the team with 20 assists. Arienne Sasse and Azelynn Cortez notched seven kills apiece. Cortez had 16 kills and 21 digs for the Wolves.

Carondelet 3, St. Mary's 0: Carondelet topped visiting St. Mary's in three games last Friday night, but everyone would agree that it was a game near that simple.

The Cougars (1-0) rattled the Dons to a 25-6, 25-18, 30-10 victory, it appeared as though they would easily romp the Panthers.

St. Mary's (0-2) had other things on their mind and refused to go quietly. The Panthers took a 7-4 lead in the second game, then Carondelet tooth and nail the rest of the game before the Cougars were able to pull

the game out and didn't pass up the first game, and threw the offense off a little. First-year St. Mary's coach Don Caraway said, "Carondelet is a good team. You can't afford

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THIS WEEK'S GAMES

Nonleague
Berkeley at Liberty

■ **WHERE:** Liberty High School, 850 2nd St., Brentwood
 ■ **WHEN:** 7:30 p.m. today
 ■ **RECORDS:** Berkeley 0-0, Liberty 0-1
 ■ **LAST WEEK:** Berkeley's game against Oakland Tech was canceled; Liberty lost to San Ramon Valley 20-18.

■ **FACTS:** The Yellow Jackets stung the Lions 55-14 in last year's contest, en route to a 10-1 season. Liberty finished 4-6 in 2002 despite being outscored 265-88.

St. Mary's
at El Cerrito

■ **WHERE:** El Cerrito High School, 540 Ashbury Ave., El Cerrito
 ■ **WHEN:** 4 p.m. today

■ **RECORDS:** St. Mary's 1-0, El Cerrito 0-1

■ **LAST WEEK:** St. Mary's beat Salesian 28-18, El Cerrito lost to Alcalanes 20-6.

■ **FACTS:** The Panthers' Fred Hives and Jason Haller combined for 184 rushing yards against Salesian. In its loss, El Cerrito outgained Alcalanes 246-222.

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BERKELEY (0-0)

TODAY	at Liberty	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 27	at B. O'Dowd	1:45 p.m.
Oct. 3	*ENCINAL	7 p.m.
Oct. 10	*HERCULES	7 p.m.
Oct. 17	*at Richmond	7 p.m.
Oct. 24	*PINOLE VALLEY	7 p.m.
Oct. 31	*at De Anza	4 p.m.
Nov. 7	*ALAMEDA	7 p.m.
Nov. 14	*at El Cerrito	3:30 p.m.

EL CERRITO (0-1)

6	ACALANES	20
TODAY	ST. MARY'S	4 p.m.

Sept. 26	at Castlemont	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 3	*at Alameda	7 p.m.
Oct. 10	*PINOLE VALLEY	4 p.m.
Oct. 17	*at De Anza	7 p.m.
Oct. 24	*HERCULES	7 p.m.
Oct. 31	*RICHMOND	4 p.m.
Nov. 7	*at Encinal	7 p.m.
Nov. 14	*BERKELEY	3:30 p.m.

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ALBANY (0-1)

0	at Encinal	43
Sept. 18	vs. Mis. San Jose	7:30 p.m.
	@Tak Fudenna	
Sept. 26	ALAMEDA	3:30 p.m.
Oct. 4	at Oakland Tech	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 10	BENICIA	7:30 p.m.

Oct. 18	*ST. MARY'S	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 25	*JOHN SWETT	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 31	*at Piedmont	7 p.m.
Nov. 7	*at St. Patrick	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 15	*KENNEDY	1:30 p.m.

ST. MARY'S (1-0)

28	SALESIAN	18
TODAY	at El Cerrito	6 p.m.
Sept. 27	ENCINAL	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 2	American@	7 p.m.
Oct. 11	OAKLAND TECH	1:30 p.m.
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Nov. 1	*JOHN SWETT	1:30 p.m.
Nov. 7	*at Kennedy	3:30 p.m.
Nov. 14	at Piedmont	7 p.m.

Gauchos

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Alcalanes coach Ron Thompson was pleased with his team's effort.

"I think it shows people that we are more than just (departed senior) Zach Clark's team,"

Thompson said. "It was just a matter of a lot of people stepping up."

O'Neill did most of the stepping and carrying in the second half. He carried 35 times in the game, finally getting a breather with three minutes left in the game. By that time, O'Neill had long since added his third touchdown of the

game, a 2-yard carry midway through the third quarter.

El Cerrito actually outgained Alcalanes in the game 246-222, and picked up some big yards through the air. But a late interception, thrown on the Dons' 8-yard line early in the fourth quarter quelled any comeback effort by El Cerrito.

St. Mary's

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deficit to 21-18. Daniels completed only three passes on the afternoon, but that was a big one.

Running back Jake Haskell carried the bulk of the load for Salesian, rushing for 89 yards on

19 carries. Haskell even recovered a fumble in the end zone for a touchdown in the second quarter.

Salesian may have been closing in on the Panthers, but Kirven wasn't done. With the Chiefs facing second-and-one on their own 40, Kirven picked off Daniels' pass and ran it back for

a touchdown. That put St. Mary's up by 10 with only 5:44 left in the game.

"I was just trying to make plays," Kirven said. "I wanted to do something positive for the team. The team needed something to rally off of. I just figured I'd be the one."

Prep

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to make mistakes. And in the second game, at critical times we made mistakes on defense.

Despite all that, the Panthers kept their chins up and very nearly snagged the third game.

"Attitude-wise we're a very positive team," Caraway said. "I thought we looked good in certain situations tonight."

After Carondelet edged out to an 11-8 lead, Aleesha Woodruff stepped to the service line for St. Mary's. She wasn't done until the Panthers led 14-12, and the Cougars were looking a little flat. Woodruff finished the match with four digs, 10 assists and two aces.

Eventually the game was tied at 18, and the teams embarked on a series of 18 service changes in which neither team was able to score more than two points at a time before Carondelet outside hitter Caitlin Lawson crushed a kill with the score tied at 30, and St. Mary's misplayed the ensuing serve for the 32-30 final.

Lawson finished with eight kills and 10 digs. Syd Blancarte aided the Cougars' cause with four kills, 11 digs, two blocks and two aces, and Erica Johnson pitched in with eight kills and two aces. Setter Nicole Moser finished with 21 assists, three kills, seven digs and three blocks.

Martha Ryan led St. Mary's

with seven kills, five blocks and 11 digs.

"We've been working a lot on defense, serving and serve-receive," Carondelet coach Stephanie Cline said. "Today we dug balls and passed pretty well. So did St. Mary's. ... A match that close at the end, that's the perfect opening match. You don't back off, and you have to work for every point."

GIRLS GOLF

De Anza 265, Berkeley 274: Led by Cindy Caya, Francisca Ramos and Laura Morsony, the Dons (1-0) scored a big Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League upset over the host Yellow Jackets at Tilden Park Golf Course in Berkeley last Thursday.

Caya tied Berkeley's Cyndee Bayless for medalist honors with a score of 44 in the par 36 competition. Ramos (49) and Morsony (50) followed.

"It's a very big win and I'm hoping it establishes for many years a (girls) golf team at De Anza," said De Anza coach Gregg Tognolini, who said he is a volunteer coach this season.

It was Berkeley's first regular-season loss to an ACCAL team since joining the league in 2000, said Berkeley coach Matt Bremer. The Yellow Jackets (0-1) were missing their No. 1 player, Michelle Yin, because of a class.

Staff writers Bill Kolb and Jennifer Starks contributed to this roundup.

PREP FOOTBALL POLL

Rank	School	Record	Comment
1.	De La Salle	1-0	Expect a big crowd for Saturday's game with Palma-Salesian
2.	Foothill	1-0	Falcons put away Stagg early in opener
3.	Pittsburg	1-0	Last week's victory at Miramonte was tale of two halves
4.	Antioch	1-0	Two Panthers rush for 100-plus yards vs. Monte Vista
5.	Skyline	1-1	Titans outgained in yardage, still beat Jesse Bethel
6.	Miramonte	0-1	Matadors still look like team to beat in DFAL
7.	Bishop O'Dowd	1-0	New QB Drew Glover debuts with three touchdown passes
8T.	James Logan	1-0	McClymonds never knew what hit it in 47-19 loss to CofC
8T.	Hayward	1-0	That 10-7 win over Newark Memorial should have been a blowout
10.	Monte Vista	0-1	Tom Haug's 212 yards rushing not enough vs. Antioch

Others receiving votes: San Leandro (0-1), Alhambra (1-0), Alcalanes (1-0), Oakland Tech (0-1) (1-0), San Ramon Valley (1-0). The Times football poll incorporates all East Bay high schools and the staffs of Contra Costa Newspapers.

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Reviews

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seen a pirate like Depp's Capt. Jack Sparrow. He prances, he flits, he seems like an escapee from "The Rocky Horror Picture Show." Keira Knightley (the tomboy from "Bend It Like Beckham") makes a winning love interest, but overall, this Jerry Bruckheimer production is a flashy, soulless bore. After two hours, it becomes a ride one desperately wants to get off. — M. Pols (PG-13, action/adventure violence.) 2 hours, 23 minutes. C

"SEABISCUIT": There are missteps in writer/director Gary Ross' screen adaptation of "Seabiscuit," including some hearty, unnecessary doses of sentimentality, but in the end, they take a back seat to the way the movie makes you feel. Even if you know the outcome of every one of Seabiscuit's races from having read Laura Hillenbrand's best-selling nonfiction account of his career, the movie re-creates them so vividly that you still find yourself leaning forward, wincing your hands in fear the little horse won't reach the finish line first. Jeff Bridges and Tobey Maguire are perfectly cast, and Tobey Maguire gets the job done. "Seabiscuit" is the kick in the pants this weak cinematic summer so desperately needed. — M. Pols (PG-13: some sexual situations and sports-related violence.) 2 hours, 20 minutes. B+

"SPY KIDS 3-D: GAME OVER": The sole reason to see this movie, beyond constant harassment by one's offspring, is that the movie is presented in 3-D. Other than that, this pale shadow of the first "Spy Kids" is as emotionally barren and irritating as the video game it takes place within. Juni (Daryl Sabara) must enter virtual reality to save his sister, Carmen (Alexa Vega), from the clutches of the diabolical Toymaker (Sylvester Stallone). Juni and Grandfather (Ricardo Montalban) get the most screen time, with Mom, Dad and the rest of the gang not showing up until the end. All of this makes us feel as though we are watching the 10th "Spy Kids" movie, the one in which all the real stars declared themselves through with this, leaving the acting to lesser cast members. —

M. Pols (PG: action sequences and peril.) 1 hour, 25 minutes. C-

"STEP INTO LIQUID": Filmmaker Dana Brown's father, Bruce Brown, made the 1966 film "The Endless Summer," which followed a group of surfing champions on a world tour and became one of the most successful documentaries of all time. The personnel may be different and the technology may have changed, but the format's appeal remains. With its astounding views of angry seascapes, its handsome young men (and a few women) poised atop 10-foot waves with the serenity and aplomb of an equestrian statue in Central Park, a nonstop soundtrack of old and new surfing songs and a pervasive philosophy that views life as fun and self-fulfillment as the highest good, what is there not to like? Like his father, Brown has the magical ability to take his public on a two-hour vacation. It's the next best thing to being there. — D. Kehr (Not rated.) 1 hour, 28 minutes. B

"S.W.A.T.": We've seen better standoffs in dozens of movies and cop shows and heard better dialogue in hundreds more. Hondo Harrelson (Samuel L. Jackson) is charged with creating an elite Los Angeles S.W.A.T. team to help clean up a department torn by scandal and a city that has grown almost too weird to govern. Colin Farrell is a disgraced former S.W.A.T. officer who joins the new unit, along with Michelle Rodriguez, LL Cool J and Josh Charles. A couple of routine standoffs into the film, the major case comes up: A French crime lord (Olivier Martinez) is in custody and has shouted out on TV a \$100 million offer to anybody who breaks him free. That brings the thugs out of the woodwork and the team must make sure he makes it to federal prison. — R. Moore (PG-13: violence, language and sexual references.) 1 hour, 57 minutes. D

"SWIMMING POOL": It's hard to make the process of writing interesting on film, but director Francois Ozon and actress Charlotte Rampling pull it off in this graceful and deceptively playful exploration of a writer's mind. Rampling is a dour Englishwoman who heads to her publisher's country home to find inspiration for her new novel; there she encounters his dissolute daughter. Beyond the personality clashes is a rich and

compelling subtext, full of plot twists and a major hairpin curve at the end. — B. Nuckols (R: strong sexual content, nudity, language, some violence and drug use.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. B+

"THIRTEEN": It's the story of two teenage girls who have just moved past stuffed animals into sex, shoplifting and self-mutilation. We follow Tracy (Evan Rachel Wood) in her abrupt transformation from good girl to sullen troublemaker, under the wing of seductive bad seed Evie (Nikki Reed). Tracy's mom (played by Holly Hunter) seems clueless and overwhelmed. The story occasionally veers into melodrama. In addition to Tracy's sudden conversion to sex, drugs, piercing and purse-snatching, almost all the adults are recovering from alcohol or drug addiction. The film has been rated R, which raises one troubling question: How can a movie with so much to say to adolescent girls be made off-limits to them unless they're accompanied by a parent or guardian? — B. Newman (R: profanity, sexuality, drug use, scenes of self-mutilation.) 1 hour, 35 minutes. B

"28 DAYS LATER": As zombie movies go, director Danny Boyle's is somewhat unusual in that its scariest element may be how plausible its plague scenario seems. Animal activists accidentally unleash test chimpanzees infected with a blood-borne disease and a yen for violence (thanks to being force-fed terrible images). Within 28 days, all of Britain and perhaps the rest of the world, is infected, save for a few plucky survivors, including naive Jim (Cillian Murphy) and the very plucky Selena (Naomie Harris). The second half of the film goes too "Lord of the Flies" on us and loses its spooky edge, but the film has a surprisingly wistful quality to it and promises to be a hipster cult classic, like Boyle's "Trainspotting." — M. Pols (R: strong violence and gore, language and nudity.) 1 hour, 48 minutes. B+

"UPTOWN GIRLS": Nearly everything and everybody in this movie is



WILL THEY? WON'T THEY? It doesn't take a prophet to predict the outcome of the preadolescent sweet "The Fighting Temptations," which stars Cuba Gooding Jr. and Beyonce Knowles

headache-inducing. That includes uptight 8-year-old Ray (Dakota Fanning) and her flighty nanny, Molly (Brittany Murphy). Ray, the daughter of a distant record-company executive, lives an obsessively orderly life on the Manhattan's Upper East Side. Molly, the daughter of a deceased rock star, lives in messy decadence on the Upper West Side. But when she learns her accountant stole her inheritance, she's forced to take a job as Ray's nanny. After initial noisy fireworks, the rigid, responsible child eventually teaches the free-spirited adult to grow up, and the free-spirited adult teaches the rigid, responsible child to loosen up. — C. Lemire (R language, sexual content.) 1 hour, 33 minutes. D

"WEATHER UNDERGROUND": An intelligently assembled documentary about the infamous Weather Underground, a militant anti-establishment group from the 1960s, co-directed by local filmmaker Sam Green. The film lets the former Weathermen, now in their 50s and older, reveal some of their personal histories as well as what the peace movement meant to them. Captures the exuberance of the period showing what a turbulent time this was. — E. Mitchell (Not rated.) 1 hour, 32 minutes. B

"WHALE RIDER": A retelling of an old Maori legend about a tribe that believes its origins can be traced to Paiakea, a man who arrived on their shores on the back of a whale. The name and tribal duties are traditionally passed on to the eldest male child of Paiakea's descendants. But when a male baby dies at birth, along with his mother, leaving behind a twin sister, the lineage is disrupted. The baby's grieving father

names her Paiakea in defiance and leaves town. Twelve years later, Paiakea (the enchanting Keshia Castle-Hughes) struggles to be accepted as leader by her traditional grandfather, Koro (Rawiri Paratene). This is a spiritual and inspiring movie that richly deserves the audience awards it won at the Sundance, Toronto and Rotterdam film festivals. — M. Pols (PG-13: brief language, momentary drug reference.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. A-

"WINGED MIGRATION": Jacques Perrin's breathtaking documentary of mi-

grating birds transports you to a magical realm, where nature considers its own inviolable and the five crews — including cinematographers — the camera alongside, above and below the species of birds as they migrate. But "Winged Migration" is an intense vicarious experience, a flapping airborne creation that leaves the theatergoer a weary member of Holden (G) 1 hour.

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Phantom Limbs, 400 Blows, Johnny X and The Groodies, Nakatomi Plaza, Marathon, Sept. 26.

Over My Dead Body, In Control, Control, Stand Up and Fight, Our Turn, Sept. 27.

All ages welcome. Shows are \$5 and start at 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

924 Gilman St., Berkeley. 510-525-9926.

PARAMOUNT THEATER — Parliament/Funkadelic, Sept. 25, 8 p.m.

Featuring George Clinton. \$29.50 to \$45.50.

Brian McKnight, Mya, Rhian Benson, Sept. 28, 7:30 p.m. \$39.50 to \$75.

2025 Broadway, Oakland. 415-421-8497, 510-625-8497, 925-685-8497 or www.ticketmaster.com.

QUINN'S LIGHTHOUSE — The Starboard Watch featuring Skip Henderson, Thursday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Free. 51 Embarcadero Cove, Oakland. 510-536-2050.

STARRY PLOUGH PUB — Redmeat, The Belyachers, Sept. 19, \$7.

Brightblack, Joanna Newsom, Sean Hayes, Sept. 20, \$6.

The Influents, The Flipsides, The Spinning Jennies, Sept. 25, \$5.

Winfred E Eye, Moore Brothers, Deers, Sept. 26, \$6.

James McMurry, Johnny Childs, Sept. 27, \$6.

For ages 21 and over unless otherwise noted. Sunday and Wednesday, 8 p.m.; Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-841-2082.

STORK CLUB — V.N.C., S.H.O.C.T. The Hurricane Lamps, Sept. 19.

Harris, Jellyvore, Sept. 23.

Gris Gris, Battleship, Loyal Sons and Daughters, Sept. 25.

Bible of the Devil, Sept. 26.

Vanishing Kids, Sept. 27.

FHD, The Feathers, Banger, Sept. 28, 3:30 p.m.

\$5. All shows at 9 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 2330 Telegraph Ave., Oakland. 510-444-6174 or www.storkcluboakland.com.

YOSHIS — Hiroshima, through Sept. 21, \$10 to \$24.

Berklee/Monterey All-Stars, Sept. 22, \$5.

Brantford Marsalis Quartet, Sept. 23 through Sept. 28, \$26 to \$30.

Shows are Monday through Saturday, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 510 Embarcadero West, Oakland. 510-238-9200, www.yoshis.com or www.ticketweb.com.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

FESTIVAL ANTIQUA — Sept. 26 through Oct. 24. This year's festival explores medieval and early Renaissance music from Central and Eastern Europe.

"Otep Myrrhy," Sept. 26, 8 p.m. Medieval music, sacred and secular, from Czech sources and the city of Prague. Performed by Anne Azema, Shira Kammen, Kit Higginson and Tim Rayborn.

\$15 general; \$12 students and seniors. The Parish Hall of St. Alban's Church, 1501 Washington St., Albany. 510-488-2803 or www.timrayborn.com.

MILLS COLLEGE CONCERT SERIES — "Milhaud and Mendelssohn," Sept. 19, 8 p.m. Featuring the Ives Quartet and the Oregon Quartet. Free.

Aaron Rosand, violin, Sept. 28, 2 p.m. \$25 general; \$15 seniors.

Concert Hall, Mills College, 5000 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland. 510-430-2296.

SAN FRANCISCO EARLY MUSIC SOCIETY — "Etoile Du Nord," Sept. 20, 8 p.m. Anne Azema, soprano, and Shira Kammen, vielles and harp, perform Miracles of the Virgin Mary by 13th-century northern French troubadours, jongleur dances and adaptations of the cantigas of Alfonso El Sabio.

\$22 to \$25. St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. 510-528-1725 or www.sterns.org.

TRINITY CHAMBER CONCERTS — Rose-Graber Duo, Sept. 20, 8 p.m. The duo will perform an all-English program with music by Arnold, Finzi, Macconchy, Stanford and Vaughan-Williams.

\$12 general; \$8 seniors, students and handicapped persons; no one turned away for lack of funds. Trinity Chapel, 2320 Dana St., Berkeley. 510-549-

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DANCE

ASHKENAZ — DP and the Rhythm Riders, Sept. 23, 8:30 p.m.; Cajun dance lessons, 8 p.m. \$9.

The Anthony Paule-Mz. Dee Band, Sept. 24, 9 p.m.; Swing dance lessons at 8 p.m. \$9.

Keith Frank and the Solleau Zydeco Band, Sept. 26, 9 p.m.; Cajun dance lessons at 8:30 p.m. \$13 to \$15.

West African Highlife Band, Sept. 27, 9:30 p.m.; African dance lessons at 9 p.m. \$13.

1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 510-525-5055 or www.ashkenaz.com.

LA PENA CULTURAL CENTER —

"Oria and Entre Musicos," Sept. 19, 9 p.m. A benefit dance for the Chicano/Latino Alumni Club. \$12 general; \$10 students.

"Chilean Folk Dance and Music," Sept. 20, 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. A celebration of Chilean Independence Day with Araucana. \$10 to \$12.

3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-849-2568 or www.lapena.org.

STARRY PLOUGH PUB — "Dance Class & Celi," Mondays, 7 p.m. Traditional Irish music and dance.

"The Starry Session," Sundays, 8 p.m. Irish traditional music and song led by Shay Black. Sliding scale.

For age 21 and over. Dance lesson at 7 p.m.; music at 9 p.m. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-841-2082.

OUTDOORS

BAY AREA RAIL TRAILS — A network of trails converted from unused railway corridors.

OHLONE GREENWAY — A 3.75-mile paved trail converted from the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railway.

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SHEPHERD CANYON TRAIL — A 3-mile paved trail converted from the Sacramento Northern Rail Line. The tree-lined trail is gently sloping and generally follows Shepherd Canyon Road.

Suitable for walkers and cyclists. Begins in Montclair Village behind McCaulou's Department Store on Medau Place and ends at Paso Robles Drive, Oakland. 510-238-7275.

BAY AREA RIDGE TRAIL — The Bay Area Ridge Trail, when completed will be a 400-mile regional trail system that will form a loop around the entire San Francisco Bay region, linking 75 public parks and open spaces to thousands of people and hundreds of communities.

Hikes on portions of the trail are available through the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council. Call for meeting sites.

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Today's Real Estate in the East Bay by Marc Guay

THE POSSIBILITY PROCESS

True story: A young couple with two children sought a home, but never expected to be able to buy, so they entered a real estate office with a simple request, "Is there a nice place that we can rent?"

When asked why they weren't considering buying a home, they laughed. They were young, hadn't been on their jobs for more than a couple of years, hadn't been able to put together much cash for a down payment and, to top it off, they were minorities. Real estate professionals, though, are color-blind. Many of them, too, are proponents of something called "The Possibility Process."

In a short time, the young couple had found a small condominium that would work perfectly as a starter home for them. They had everyone in their family come and see the home, and just about everyone who saw it put some serious money into the down payment kitty. Parents co-signed on the loan, and the lender took into account the letters written by the couples' employers. It was a lot of labor. But it worked!

Years later, the couple moved to a much larger house—big enough for themselves and two teenaged daughters. Dreams have to become "possibilities" in order to become reality. And that job is the main reason the best real estate professionals are in the business. Little miracles result from such processes every day, so call Marc at 280-2103 and visit his web site at www.marcguay.com.

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THE DINING GUIDE

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Tote cuisine: beyond the bologna sandwich

By MARY GALLEGHER

The sandwich is a staple of the American diet, and it's one of the most popular ways to eat on the go. But when it comes to the sandwich, there's a lot more to it than meets the eye. In fact, the sandwich is a true culinary art form, and it's one that's been perfected over the years by countless chefs and home cooks alike.

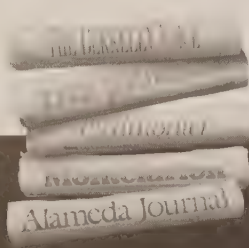
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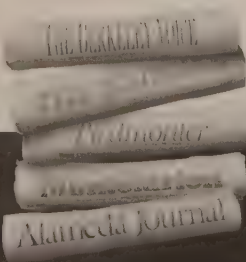
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BERKELEY ART CENTER — "One Struggle, Two Communities: Late 20th-Century Political Posters of Havana, Cuba and the San Francisco Bay Area," Sept. 28 through Dec. 13. An exhibit of 60 Cuban posters from the Cuban Film Institute, OSPAAAL and Editora Politica with work by local artists Enrique Chagoya, Emory Douglas, Juan Fuentes, Rupert Garcia, Nancy Horn, Maliaquas Montoya, Jane Norling and Jos Sances.

Free. Wednesday through Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Live Oak Park, 1275 Walnut St., Berkeley. 510-644-6893 or www.berkeleyartcenter.org.

CALIFORNIA COLLEGE OF THE ARTS — "2003 Faculty New Work," closing Sept. 27. An exhibit of works by artists and writers teaching in the CCA fine arts and creative writing programs. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. 510-594-3712. In the Oliver Art Center All-College Honors Exhibition, Sept. 22 through Sept. 26. An exhibit of work by recipients of the CCA All-College Honors awards. 510-658-1224. In the North/South Galleries, 5241 College Ave.

Reception, Sept. 23, 4:30 p.m. Free. 5212 Broadway, Oakland. 510-594-3600 or www.ccaarts.edu.

CITY OF OAKLAND MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND ADA PROGRAMS DIVISION — "Art of Disability," Sept. 22 through Oct. 10. An exhibit of works from The Prescott-Joseph Center, Creative Growth, Toolworks, Stepping Stones, Center for Accessible Technology and the National Institute of Art and Disabilities. An audio tape is available for those who are blind. Please refrain from wearing scented products.

Reception, Sept. 24, 5 p.m. On the mezzanine level of City Hall, One Frank Ogawa Plaza.

Free. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lobby, 250 Frank Ogawa Plaza, and Mezzanine level of City Hall, One Frank Ogawa Plaza, Oakland. 415-928-1003.

CREATIVE GROWTH ART CENTER — "Face2Face," through Oct. 3. An exhibit of works by 30 visiting artists in residency who have partnered with artists with disabilities on new collaborative works.

Free. Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. 355 24th St., Oakland. 510-836-2340 or www.creativegrowth.org.

EAST BAY WOMEN ARTISTS — "Multiple Sightings," closing Sept. 28. A group exhibit, with guest artist Oola Mar, featuring paintings, mixed media, collage and basketry.

Free. Daily, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Royal Ground Gallery, 2058 Mountain Blvd., Oakland. 510-339-0348.

GRADUATE THEOLOGICAL UNION — EXHIBITS — "Hand-Crafted Books by Bay Area Artists," through Sept. 30. An exhibit of hand-crafted books designed by Zea Morwitz, Mary Eubank, Nance O'Banion, Ted Purves, Susanne Cockrell, Karen Sjolholm and Lisa Kokin.

Free. Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 7 p.m. Flora Lamson Hewlett Library, 2400 Ridge Road, Berkeley. 510-649-2500 or www.gtu.edu.

HALL OF PIONEERS GALLERY — "Oakland Chinatown Pioneers," ongoing. Twelve showcases each focusing on historic leaders and personalities of the community.

Free. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Chinese Garden Building, 275 Seventh St., Oakland. 510-530-4590.

JOYCE GORDON GALLERY — "Multi-Cultural Group Show," through Sept. 29. An exhibit of 79 works by 17 artists from around the world who have made the Bay Area their home. This is the inaugural exhibit of the gallery.

Free. Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. 406 14th St., Oakland. 510-465-8928.

KALA ART INSTITUTE — "2003 James D. Phelan Art Awards in Printmaking," through Oct. 31. An exhibit of prints by recipients of the award that is given to three California-born artists.

Free. Tuesday through Friday, noon to 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 4:30 p.m. 1060 Heinz Ave., Berkeley. 510-549-2877 or www.kala.org.

LA PENNA CULTURAL CENTER — "Archaeology of Memory," through Oct. 30. An exhibit of multi-media works by Quique Cruz (a.k.a. Claudio Duran) exploring the aesthetic coup that happened during the dictatorship of Pinochet.

Reception, Sept. 27, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The reception is followed by a program at 8 p.m. Tickets for the program are \$10 to \$25.

Free. Wednesday through Sunday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The Cafe, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-849-2568 or www.lapenna.org.

PRO ARTS — "Box Art/Art Box 2003," closing Sept. 26. An exhibit and silent auction of an eclectic mix of sculptured objects created from a standard wooden box.

Closing Party and Final Bidding, Sept. 25, 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Music by Diamond Moodie and Go Van Gogh. \$25 donation.

Free. Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. 461 Ninth St., Oakland. 510-763-4361 or www.poragallery.org.

UC BERKELEY GRADUATE SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM — "Our Daily Bread," through Jan. 20, 2004. An exhibit of photographs showing daily life in Israel by Micha Bar-Am.

Free. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Center for Photography, 121 North Gate Hall, UC Berkeley Campus, Berkeley. 510-642-3383.

MUSEUMS

AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM AND LIBRARY — "Creativity and Resistance: Maroon Cultures in the Americas," ongoing. An exhibit featuring historical drawings and maps, a timeline, contemporary photographs and a selection of ceremonial and daily life objects.

"Golden Road to Freedom: The African Legacy in California, 1775-1900," ongoing. An exhibit focusing on the role that people of African descent played in later expeditions and settlements before the annexation of California.

Free. Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 5:30 p.m. 659 14th St., Oakland.

510-637-0200 or www.oaklandlibrary.org.

EBONY MUSEUM OF ARTS — A museum specializing in the art and history of Africa. The collection, which was on display in the museum's Jack London Village branch, has been incorporated with the material in the 14th Street Victorian Museum building, the site of the original museum. Free admission; \$2 guided tour. Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. 1034 14th St., Oakland. 510-763-0141.

GOLDEN STATE MODEL RAILROAD MUSEUM — through Dec. 28. The museum features extensive displays of operating model railroads constructed and operated by the East Bay Model Engineers Society. Covering some 10,000 square feet, steam and modern diesel-powered freight and passenger trains operate in O HO and N-scales on separate layouts, as well as narrow gauge and trolley lines. Of special interest is the Tehachapi Pass and Loop on the N-scale layout showing how the multiple engine trains traverse the gorges and tunnels, passing over themselves to gain altitude to cross Tehachapi Summit just east of Bakersfield. In addition the layouts include such famous railroad landmarks as Niles Canyon,

Donner Pass, and the Oakland Mole where transcontinental passengers were ferried across San Francisco Bay from their arriving trains. For December, the trains and layouts will be decorated for the holidays.

\$3 general, \$2 seniors and children under age 12; \$7 family maximum, free to all Saturday. Saturday and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. Miller-Knox Regional Shoreline, 900 Doran Drive, Point Richmond. 510-234-4884 or www.gsmrm.org.

HALL OF HEALTH — EXHIBITS "This Is Your Heart!" ongoing. An interactive exhibit on heart health. "Good Nutrition," ongoing. This exhibit includes models for making balanced meals and an exercise for calculating how calories are burned.

"Draw Your Own Insides," ongoing. Human-shaped chalkboards and models with removable organs allow visitors to explore the inside of their bodies.

"Your Cellular Self and Cancer Prevention," ongoing. An exhibit on understanding how cells become cancerous and how to detect and prevent cancer.

SPECIAL EVENT — Free Puppet Shows, Sept. 20, 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. The Kids on the Block, an award-winning education puppet troupe, includes puppets with such conditions as cerebral palsy, blindness and

Down syndrome. The shows promote acceptance and understanding of physical differences.

Suggested \$3 donation, free children under 3. Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 2230 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-549-1564 or www.kidsblock.org.

MILLS COLLEGE ART MUSEUM — SPECIAL EXHIBITS — "Slightly Touched: The Sculpture of Patrick Kiloran," through Oct. 19. An exhibit of works by the artist.

"Matisse: The Jazz Suite," through Oct. 5. An exhibit curated by students. Video Exhibition, through Dec. 7. An exhibition of recent works by Phyllis Baldino, Chris Sollars, Seoungcho Cho and Ursula Model.

Helen Gilbert, closing Sept. 28. An exhibit of prints by the artist.

Elizabeth Murray, closing Sept. 28. An exhibit of prints by the artist.

Free. Tuesday, Thursday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. 5000 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland. 510-430-2164 or www.mills.edu/MCAM.

OAKLAND MUSEUM OF CALIFORNIA — The Art of Fred Martin: A Retrospective, 1948-2003, through Dec.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF WILLIAM ROTHFORD MONTJON
CASE NUMBER: RP030355

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of WILLIAM ROTHFORD MONTJON, a Plaintiff, has been filed by JAMESSETTA KILGORE in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda. The PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that: JAMESSETTA KILGORE be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the independent administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval, before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.)

The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and the court finds that the court should not grant authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on October 20, 2003 at 9:30am Dept. 23 located at 1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA. 94612. If YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be by person or by your attorney. If YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as first administrator of the California Probate Code. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal request for Special Notice of the filing of the petition and appraisal of estate assets or of any probate or account as provided in section 1250 of the California Probate Code. A Request for Special Notice is available from the court clerk. Attorney for the petitioner: 307 Thomas Roland 307 Thomas Roland Berkeley, CA. 94712-3217 100-841-1500 Legal Berkeley Voice 09861 Publish September 5, 12, 19, 2003

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FILED AUGUST 26, 2003 STEPHEN L. WEIR, County Clerk CONTRA COSTA COUNTY By B. BASCH, Deputy FILE NO. 2003-6706

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: PICKY HOME AND OFFICE CLEANERS is located at 1520 Walker Ave, Apt #48 in Walnut Creek, CA. 94596 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Sylvia A. Marrell 1520 Walker Ave, Apt #48 Walnut Creek, CA. 94596

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: INTERACTIVE SOLUTIONS is located at 2420 Sunwell Drive in Concord, CA. 94523 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Stuart Homer 2866 Deer Park Drive Walnut Creek, CA. 94596 Michael Robert 1201 Alta Vista Dr. #307 Walnut Creek, CA. 94596 This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

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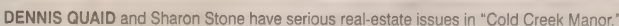
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IT WASN'T A good summer for the six commercial TV broadcast networks. The outmigration of eyeballs continued: Sixty percent of the prime-time viewing this summer was on cable, a new high.

Or, from the viewpoint of ABC, NBC, CBS, Fox, the WB and UPN, a new low.

But fall always brings hope in TV Land: With the official Nielsen beginning of the new fall season this coming Monday night, the broadcasters should have plenty of ammo stored up — strong new series — for a fierce counterattack on the cable interlopers. Surely the networks can't continue to rely mainly on all those crummy, cheap-to-produce reality series to salvage some ratings?

Sure they can. Even though 36 new network series are rolling out this fall — many of them in these next two weeks — few will be around next spring. And none looks like a possible franchise show — something NBC desperately needs: Cash-cow "Friends" will sign off next May amid (shudder) "Seinfeld"-like hoopla.

While previewing this latest crop of new series, I was reminded of what a New York cop might tell gawkers at an accident: "Move along. Nothin' to see here." So, keep that remote handy: With only a handful of exceptions, two minutes of your time — if that — is about all most of the new fall shows deserve.

The one new show worth watching next week: CBS's "Two and a Half Men," airing Monday night at 9:30 on KPIX. Charlie Sheen's understated, zen-like performance as a sardonic, amoral bachelor forced to live with his twitchy sibling (Jon Cryer) is one of the new season's few high points.

And two of the best rookies — Fox's "Arrested Development" and "A Minute With Stan Hooper" (starring the talented Norm McDonald) — won't even premiere until after Fox's World Series. So, you may wish to stick to mainly cable; HBO's offbeat and daring new "Carnivale," set in the Dust Bowl during the Depression, starts to get really weird this Sunday in the second week of its 12-episode run. "Carnivale" is the kind of thing David Lynch might pay to see.

MEDIA NOTES: Do we really need to see projected high temps of 56 Bay Area cities? And five different local forecasts? Channel 4 has taken our microclimate weather here to extremes, and when KRON weatherman Steve Raleigh semi-joked about "here's our 56-city forecast," he wasn't kidding — I counted them ...

A broadcast engineer e-mails to remind me of something that could crank the style of KNEW hate-talker Michael Savage: The station, like several local AM stations (not KGO or KCBS), has to reduce power in the fall at 4:45 p.m. to avoid interfering with other stations at night. That means a smaller audience for the Savage Weiner in afternoon drive. Awww ...

Even if you don't like sports, Gary Radnich's KNBR show at 9:30 a.m. weekdays is usually a sound alternative to KGO, KNEW and other talk stations at that hour. The good-natured Radnich jokes about a wide range of subjects — things like Londoners taunting attention-craving magician David Blaine in his suspended glass box by holding up fish and chips and pelting the enclosure with tomatoes. (Spot on!)

I liked the apolitical Radnich's humorous but insightful take on politics the other day: "I'm not saying all politicians are crooked, but hey, do the math: You spend \$1.5 million to get a job that pays \$150,000?" ... Finally, I have to wonder if anyone besides classical/Bach fans got that sly reference this week's TV Guide Fall Preview about NBC's new comedy, "Whoopi." The show's headline: "Another Goldberg Variation."

Questions? Comments? E-mail Bill : Newsman@sonic.net.

There's much to like about 'Much Ado'

By Georgia Rowe
CORRESPONDENT

THE HIGH TEMPERATURES of the Bay Area's latest heat wave made for an unusually warm opening night Saturday at the Bruns Amphitheater. Things got pretty heated onstage, too, as the California Shakespeare Theater unveiled an urgent, high-octane new production of "Much Ado About Nothing."

Making his Cal Shakes directorial debut, Peter DuBois balances the dark and light themes of the play and delivers a production that is as emotionally gripping as it is funny. For the most part, his staging showcases the strengths of the cast, and does a compelling job of demonstrating why this is one of Shakespeare's most enduring comedies.

It's certainly one of the most realistic. Unlike plays such as "A Midsummer Night's Dream" or "Twelfth Night," "Much Ado" doesn't rely on fairies, magic or mythical locations. It's a very human story of love between two sets of couples, and how a false accusation against one nearly destroys them both. DuBois, who comes to the company from Alaska's Perseverance Theatre, makes its emotional forces apparent in every scene.

THEATER

WHAT: Much Ado About Nothing, California Shakespeare Theater

WHERE: Bruns Amphitheater, off Highway 24 at Shakespeare Festival Drive in Orinda

WHEN: Tuesdays-Sundays

TICKETS: \$25-\$49

INFORMATION: 510-548-9666, or www.calshakes.org.

The play also boasts one of the wittiest, most likable pairs of lovers in all of Shakespeare — Beatrice (played by Julie Eccles) and Benedick (Charles Shaw Robinson), who spend most of the play trying to deny the powerful attraction they feel for one another.

The play's dark side deals with the other couple, Benedick's cohort Claudio (Joaquin Torres) and Beatrice's cousin Hero (Myla Balugay). The two are engaged to be married when Claudio is duped into believing that Hero has been unfaithful. He denounces her in front of the entire wedding party, and she collapses from the shock of his accusation.

"Much Ado" is set in Italy, at the Messina estate of the city's governor (and Beatrice's uncle), Leonato (L. Peter Callender). DuBois and dramaturg Bronwyn Eisenberg keep the Italian setting, but they've abandoned the pastoral trappings seen in many productions (and in Kenneth Branagh's sunny 1993 film version). This is a darker view, with a sleek, contemporary look: Robert Pyszocha's set, elegantly lit by Peter West, features a brick-red platform, heavy red and gold pillars, pots of giant calla lilies



JULIE ECCLES shines as the saucy Beatrice in "Much Ado About Nothing." (L. Peter Callender as a bemused Leonato is in the background.)

and a rectangular pond that gets used to good comic effect in a couple of scenes. Meg Neville's costumes are an attractive blend of militaristic chic (the men are just returning from war as the play begins) and opulent Italian designer wear.

If Gina Leishman's original tango score seems out of place — it suggests Buenos Aires, not Messina — at least it provides an aptly wistful and seductive musical backdrop in key moments.

Not all of DuBois's choices pay off. The use of human statuary, for example, is mostly distracting, and some of the director's symbolism — broken

chandeliers and smashed flower stems strewn around the stage — is heavy-handed.

Yet the cast overcomes any missteps in the staging. Robinson's Benedick is the show's endearing comic backbone, with a socially inept, agreeably bombastic demeanor that barely hides the character's deeply romantic core.

Eccles's Beatrice, who projects a winning blend of cheerful frivolity and barbed sarcasm, is the perfect partner for Robinson's dyed-in-the-wool bachelor. The chief pleasure of the 2½-hour production is watching their relationship deepen from hostile

put-downs to an overt declaration of love, and their pivotal scene — in which Beatrice demands Benedick's aid in righting the wrong against Hero — is the most dramatically engrossing exchange seen on the company's stage this season.

There are fine performances throughout the cast, although in general the men's roles are better cast than the women's. Callender is a superbly expansive Leonato, smooth and generous in the early scenes and explosively vengeful after Hero is accused. Torres's Claudio is won-

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Reyes mixes passion, politics and poetry

By Brian Kluepfel
CORRESPONDENT

There's one f-word you won't find wordsmith and UC-Berkeley alum Barbara Jane Reyes using in her poetry or prose. To Reyes, it's "Pilipina" with a capital P, and the urgency to use the correct word in defining herself and her work is paramount.

"I was taught 'Pilipina/o' (vs. Filipina/o) is the Tagalog word for who I am," writes Reyes. "Hence, a self-naming as a Tagalog speaker ... is a political choice because I was taught that 'Filipino' was the English word and that there is no 'f' in Tagalog."

San Francisco's Arkipelago Books has put its faith in Reyes, publishing her first book, "Gravities of Center" under its own imprint. Though certainly not the first foray onto the printed page — she was the editor-in-chief of Pilipino-American literary journal Maganda while at Berkeley, and has been published in seven different anthologies — for the Fremont-raised Reyes, it helped sharpen her focus by forcing her to produce a new body of work.



BARBARA JANE REYES' poetic works tend to challenge readers and draw in the reader.

Like Hawaiian poet/activist Haunani-Kay Trask, Reyes is both overtly political and intimately passionate. With equal passion, she derides the colonization of her native islands and celebrates the luxury of chocolate truffles and late-morning sleep-ins with lovers.

So it's no surprise to have run into Reyes at the recent Pistahan celebration in San Francisco, rev-

eling in "the greasy food." At the same time, she bemoaned the presence of so many police and U.S. Army recruiters. The event that used to focus more on literature had gone pop culture, she said.

While the earthy humor of an early-morning cat-call in downtown Oakland ("yo, girl, can I hang wit' yo boots?") in her poem "Oakland Tanka" is funny

PERFORMANCE

WHAT: APALure Literary and Performance Night — Barbara Jane Reyes as featured artist

WHERE: SomArts Cultural Center, 934 Brannan St., San Francisco

WHEN: Friday, Sept. 26, 8 p.m.

TICKETS: Tickets, \$7

INFORMATION: www.kearnys-treet.org

and flirtatious, the meaning of her work isn't always so easily gleaned.

"Barbara created poems that do not always spoonfeed meaning to the readers," writes her mentor, Eileen Tabios. "The reader cannot remain passive ... and must give back by proactively considering what these poems mean." Tabios cites the poem "101 Words That Don't Quite Describe Me" as Reyes' recognition of language's limitations.

"I've never even considered a glossary or a set of translations ... because you really can look it

Da Vinci lacks human

IN THE UNLIKELY event that Leonardo da Vinci played character in the kitchen with members of his team working on "Let's act out past that'll stump 'em!"

"The Notebook" by da Vinci, playing the 19 at Berkeley Rep's Theatre, 2015 Addison St., is an attempt to give the substance to abstract, actual musings in 50 minutes.

Adapted and directed by Mary Zimmerman, "The Notebook" is based on the jottings of the Renaissance genius — on subjects ranging from art, architecture and optics to engineering, dynamics, hydraulics, botany, among others.

Any one of these an academic discipline — in fact, probably the theme of a production, shaped and by human striving, access, elation or dejection.

"Notebooks" lacks humanity. The actors, of real and surprising nasties: swinging from twirling, lifting, stretching bloodless as the hands of a Leonardo sketch. Their purpose demonstrate a concern affected by its realization.

The lack of emotional arousal turns "Notebooks" into a stagecraft, especially the appeal of scenic design Bradley's towering at.

His tattered melange light high above the stage serves as a reminder the audience is looking brain of Leonardo as below act out the idea thought: a tough challenge.

No wonder some cringe when the boldly brightly exults: "Overplay charades!"

Tickets range from (standing room) and depending on the day. Discounts are available groups, seniors and The Rep also offers a for anyone under 18 with valid ID. This subject to availability offered for Saturday reductions. Call 510-647-toll-free at 888-487-1111 to www.berkeleyrep.org.

A STUNNING Altarena Playhouse, St. Alameda, has a stunning production of "One Flew Over Cuckoo's Nest" that community theater a higher toward production.

Loretta Janc's of a perfectly chosen, pleated with Ryan Terry, able set and the immo this in-the-round venue the action virtually in.

Kesey's novel, Dale Wasserman, Oregon institution sane. The time is mates, dulled by drug hopelessness, are of Nurse Ratched (Schwartz), a sweet roller for rigid regulations.

Into this group dle Patrick McMurphy (Hiser), a randy, high (and s. a) convict in bug house as punishment making trouble at the farm. The play revolves RP's efforts to bring and enthusiasm to fellow inmates — can win your heart forth a cheer at the spirit even as it is shocking climax.

"Cuckoo's Nest" p.m. Fridays and through Sept. 27, matinee on Sunday. Tickets are \$12 seniors (55-plus) and Call 510-523-1553.

Send theater items Jack Tucker, County Times, Drive, Richmond, fax to 510-262-2622.

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MARY JACKSON
Women Auto Know

Expert answers most frequently asked questions

MOTOR MATTERS
A car care expert who travels the country speaking about car-related topics, people ask questions about cars. Some are easy to answer, like "do I do if my car overheats?"

Questions, such as "What does it mean when my car goes 'ching-CHING?'", are a little challenging. Questions like that last one can be especially when the person can't get out the noise, but here are some of the most commonly asked questions.

What do I do if my car overheats and what's the worst thing that can happen when it does?
If your vehicle's engine generates too much heat to melt steel, the engine can be damaged in a number of ways: the metal cylinder can warp or twist, the layer of oil called the head gasket can burn away, and internal parts like pistons and their connecting rods can warp or crack.

The worst thing that could happen is that the engine seizes up, so that the pistons actually lock up the cylinder walls, never to run again. If your engine overheats, turn off the car and the fan on high to cool it down. If that doesn't get your car safely off the road, call a tow truck to get the car off the engine, and let the mechanic cool down.

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EXTERIOR REVISIONS for 2004 give the Hyundai XG350L a confident stance with the sophisticated restyling of the grille, bumper, and a new front air dam with projection fog lamps. Also new is a full-size spare tire with alloy wheel.

Hyundai XG350 for 2004 imitates the art of luxury

MOTOR MATTERS
I never thought I'd use the words "Hyundai" and "luxury" in the same sentence. But that mindset changed when I test-drove the 2004 XG350. I know what you're thinking, "A luxurious Hyundai? Give me a break." All right, it's not a Lexus or an Infiniti, but the XG350 is inspiring. This flagship sedan shows that Hyundai is determined to win the hearts of consumers who are not just first-time car buyers.

My newlywed brother and his wife were my passengers one evening and she remarked about

the supple ride, leather seats, moonroof, woodgrain trim, rear seat leg room, and wanted to know how much the car cost.

When I told her around \$26,000, she wanted to get one.

Since her aging Honda Prelude needs to be replaced, my sister-in-law is in the market for a new car. She has now placed Hyundai on her shopping list.

The 2004 XG350 has been significantly revised. It sports fresh front and rear styling, new woodgrain trim, electrochromatic rearview mirror and back seat reading lights.

CONNIE KEANE
Keane on Wheels

Also new is a full-size spare tire with an alloy wheel.

The sedan comes in two models: XG350 and XG350L.

My tester was the L model that features newly designed 12-spoke alloy wheels, a memory driver's seat, a premium sound system, a power tilt/sliding moonroof, plus a leather-wrapped steering wheel with

woodgrain inserts and heated front seats.

I was impressed because these are features that are on luxury cars, but during my test-drive it was something else that hit the homerun for Hyundai in its quest for achieving luxury.

The right sideview mirror tilts down when the transmission is put into reverse, so the driver can see below the car's beltline. I expect this from Lexus, not Hyundai.

The XG is powered by a 3.5-liter V6 engine. It produces 194 horsepower at 5,500 rpm and 216

pounds-foot of torque at 3,500 rpm. Mated to a five-speed automatic transmission with Shiftronic manual override, the XG achieves 17 miles per gallon city and 26 mpg highway.

Exterior revisions for 2004 give the XG350L a confident stance with the sophisticated restyling of the grille, bumper, and a new front air dam with projection fog lamps. The back end has a new tail lamp design, a new bumper, and the center-mounted brake light has a

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1967 Lincoln Continental seems to float on a cloud

MOTOR MATTERS

Three months before a planned trip to visit his daughter in Chicago, William Gallahan took action. He wanted to make the long journey in comfort and style.

With those parameters in mind he went to the local Lincoln-Mercury dealership where he saw 18-foot, 5-inches worth of gorgeous white Lincoln Continental capped with an ivy gold embassy vinyl roof.

After that initial sighting, the only question was the price he was going to pay. The eventual cost of the 5,049-pound Lincoln was \$7,104.

A total of 33,331 Continental four-door sedans were built during the 1967 model year, making it far and away the most popular model. Each 1967 Lincoln Continental left the factory with an engine that was up to the task.

Tucked under the hinged-at-the-front hood is a gigantic 462-cubic-inch V8 that produces 340 horsepower. It sits beneath a blue air cleaner that proclaims, via decals, the size of the engine and the fact that it is fed by a four-barrel carburetor.

The luxurious Lincoln was purchased March 2, 1967 and only three months later, in the heat and humidity of June, it was comfortably cruising on its 126-inch wheelbase on its way from Virginia to Illinois. The occupants of the Continental rode in air-conditioned comfort beneath the perforated headliner, entertained by signals from the AM radio.

After that round trip to Chicago, the car saw limited suburban use until the owner died in 1983. By then, the 16-year-old car had been driven only 15,000 miles. That is when Michael Gallahan, son of the original

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Classic Classics

owner, took possession of the Lincoln.

He continued his father's practice of always garaging the car and not driving during inclement weather. Gallahan located the original window sticker listing all the optional extras, and their prices, which include: air conditioning, AM radio, ivy gold embassy roof, leather upholstery, six-way power seat, power door locks, white side-wall tires, tinted glass, and vinyl floor mats for a total of \$1,166.80 in options.

Added to the accessories was a \$103 freight charge, and \$40 more for service and preparation.

The padded dashboard is an easy-on-the-eyes cameo green, which shields the horizontal 120-mph speedometer from sunlight. As auto manufacturers often do, the most important gauge is placed directly in front of the two-spoke steering wheel, and on this thirsty Lincoln, the fuel gauge is centered directly under the speedometer.

An early version of cruise control is mounted on the lower left side of the dashboard while over at the right end is the electric clock. Unusual in any 1967 car is the vanity mirror on the right visor and, of course, there are no cup holders.

The big Lincoln abounds in unique and neat features such as the crank-open vent windows in each front door, and the light ivy gold interior which is designed to complement the rooftop covering.

A remnant of bygone elegance are the assist straps to aid passengers exiting the



OWNER INHERITS 1967 Lincoln Continental from father and continues his practice of always garaging it in inclement weather keeping it in pristine condition. After 36 years, it has only 36,000 miles on the odometer.

rear seat. "You need them to get out of the back seat," Gallahan says.

On the outside of the driver's door is the mirror attractively mounted unobtrusively in the uninterrupted bumper-to-bumper fender top line of chrome/stainless steel/aluminum trim.

The dozen horizontal chrome bars in the grille have a bulge in the middle that is continued in the sheet metal of the engine hood all the way back to the windshield. At the other end of the lengthy Lincoln, the taillights are incorporated in the rear bumper.

All that the Lincoln needed to have replaced were the mufflers, resonators and tires — all typical replacement items.

For the past 20 years Gallahan has kept

his father's 1967 Lincoln in pristine condition. Wherever he has driven, the luxury car has been led by the dominant hood ornament.

He has driven his Lincoln twice to car shows in North Carolina. "I've had it up to 90 mph one time," he says. Was there anything else remarkable?

"Oh, yeah," Gallahan confirms. With the odometer now approaching 37,000 miles after 36 years, Gallahan says, "It's like driving on a cloud."

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Women

FROM PAGE D1

"How often should shock absorbers be replaced?"

Check your owner's manual for the manufacturer's recommendations, but it's a good idea to have the original shock absorbers and struts checked after 25,000 miles, then again every 15,000 miles.

Worn shocks or struts can increase wear and tear on your car's tires, suspension, and steering components, and more importantly, reduce your vehicle's safety.

"I just got new brakes and they squeak. The mechanic at the repair shop says it's normal. Is he telling me the truth?"

Probably, but the condition, although common, isn't "normal."

Modern brake pads and linings are no longer made of asbestos (thanks to the Environmental Protection Agency), but of tiny slivers of metal and other materials.

These brake pads and linings are much harder than asbestos and have excellent

friction qualities, but unfortunately, they often make noise. Sometimes the sounds are the results of tiny variations in the surface of the pad.

A squeak may also be the result of vibrations.

The bottom line: The shop that did the work should check the brakes, making sure there aren't any loose parts.

"Is there any advantage to choosing one color over another when buying a car?"

Given that you're probably going to have to live with whatever color you pick for a long time, you should choose a color you like.

Outside of that, here are some things to keep in mind: Does your vehicle sit outside in the elements, especially in the blazing sun? You might want to avoid black, which attracts heat, and red, which often fades.

Do you wash and polish your car regularly? If you don't, you might be better off with low-maintenance white.

"How do I calculate my car's fuel economy?"

Just divide the mileage you got by the

gallons of gas used.

For example, if you used a tank of gas (say, 15 gallons) and you drove 300 miles on that tank of gas, your car is getting 20 miles to the gallon.

"What should I do if the alternator light comes on?"

When the alternator or battery light comes on, it means more electricity is being used than is being replaced.

Just keep driving until you reach a service station, making sure to turn off as many electricity-draining accessories (such as your heater and radio) as you safely can.

The hardest thing the electrical system has to do is start the car, so don't turn off the engine unless it's absolutely necessary.

Here's a warning: If the temperature light comes on while the alternator light is on (or simply by itself), stop the car as soon as you can.

The same belt that drives the alternator often drives the water pump.

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MOTOR MATTERS

Those of us who remember the movie "Easy Rider" know that actor Peter Fonda didn't just ride. That classic cinema depicts a free-spirited life on the road, journeying across America.

Today, visions of riding off into the sunset astride a thundering two-wheeled steed carry with them a romantic and adventurous image — wind in the face, communing with nature, free from the pressures and responsibilities of the everyday rat race that society has become.

Sounds great, right? Well, things have changed a dramatic turn since "Easy Rider." The open road simply isn't as open as it used to be. It's a jungle out there on those roads of asphalt.

Riding a two-wheeled vehicle now requires a greater level of focus. Motorcycles, scooters and mopeds are more sophisticated, more powerful, and more demanding, necessitating a higher degree of responsibility for safe operation.

In most states, new riders under 21 years of age who want to take to the open road must satisfactorily complete an approved motorcycle rider training course, pass both a written exam and riding exam, obtain a motorcycle operator's license, which is required in order to operate any motorcycle or motor vehicle.

Some 30 years ago I rode bikes that are now considered vintage. I felt that such an absence from riding taking an approved riding course would be prudent. I chose a course approved by the California Highway Patrol in California. It provided motorcycles, helmets, a student workbook, and offered a program in my home for only \$200 (often less for minors). The certificate awarded upon satisfactory completion of both written and riding exams precludes the need to take the State of Motor Vehicles' riding test.

The course offered equal portions of classroom and riding range time. Levels of riding experience ran the gamut from several thousand miles; the reasons for taking the course were many and sundry. Some students, like myself, wanted a refresher; others wanted to join friends in recreational riding; some planned on a motorcycle as transportation, and more than a few were simply tired of being passengers. Course instructors are experienced riders who are trained and certified. The course began with an enlightening and complete overview of what the course would help us to accomplish and how.

The balance of classroom sessions covered the challenges of motorcycle riding and how best to meet them. Various motorcycle types and their basic controls were covered in depth, as were mental and physical preparation for the ride, and selecting protective riding gear — i.e. clothing, footwear and helmets.

Basic riding skills were interactively taught through classroom discussion, physical

exercises, and instructional videos. Vehicle inspection, review of controls, correct mounting procedure, riding posture, engine starting, turning, shifting, stopping, engine shutoff, and dismounting are all driven home with repetitive drills.

Special riding situations — such as road conditions, unique handling issues, and carrying passengers and other types of loads — followed. The effect of alcohol and drugs on motorcycle operation was the final topic.

An equal amount of time was devoted to range riding exercises, with practice concentrating on successfully demonstrating the riding skills required to pass the final evaluation. A couple of students inadvertently spilled while doing practice maneuvers. Fortunately, the final test was yet to come, and only their pride suffered injury.

During my final evaluation, I lost points for killing a couple of cones on the slalom course, losing my balance during a couple of tight turns at slow speed, and putting my foot down to regain my composure (but not my pride) — a definite "No, No." When I met with the range instructor for my final score, he informed me that I had managed to pass despite my errors.

The only thing remaining was to wait for

my certification form to arrive by mail so I could then take my written DMV test. I may not be Peter Fonda, but I'm "ready to ride." To tell the truth, motorcycle riding is 90 percent mental and only 10 percent physical.

Check with your state's Highway Patrol office for information on the best rider's course in your area. It pays to shop around because some dealers offer reimbursement upon certification of course completion when you purchase a motorcycle from them. Keep in mind that these courses are in high demand and that waiting lists can be lengthy, so be patient and persistent.

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Editors note: Statistics tell of the success of the California Motorcycle Safety Program. There has been a 67 percent decline in annual motorcycle fatalities and a 70 percent drop in motorcycle accidents from 1986 to 2000. After the implementation of mandated training, accidents among the under-18 riders have dropped by 91 percent. For training course referrals in California, dial toll-free: 1-800-CC-RIDER. Details of the California programs are available on the Web at www.cmsp.org/training.html.



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Good idea to replace water pump when car's timing belt is changed

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Q Yesterday I dropped my car off to have a major service done, including the timing belt.

I received a call from them recommending that I replace the water pump because it might damage the new timing belt and cause serious engine damage. How could this occur?

Is this fellow on the level or are they trying to make the monthly quota?

Peter Chambers, Casper, Wyo.

A More than a few engines drive the water pump with the (camshaft) timing belt rather than a conventional accessory drive belt.

Doing so saves space but adds a new dimension to serviceability.

If the water pump should ever develop a bearing or pulley failure, it could result in

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Auto QnA

a jumped or stripped timing belt, which can seriously crash the engine's valves.

An open valve can be struck by a piston with enough force to seriously bend it. Many shops recommend renewing a timing belt-driven water pump when the belt is changed, as a precaution.

The water pump is fairly easy to renew as the belt is replaced, as both parts are in the same difficult-to-access neighborhood.

Because your shop called you after the job was in progress, my hunch is they saw something of concern during the belt service, such as fluid leakage or a loose bearing.

Renewing a questionable water pump while this region of the engine is already disassembled makes a lot of sense, rather than paying again later for much of the labor to be repeated.

Q My car is a 1994 Honda Civic LX with ABS and 70,000 miles. Recently — it happens three to four times in a week — when I apply the brakes, the car slows down to almost a stop, then the brake pedal becomes very soft and it goes down nearly to the carpet.

I have checked the brake-fluid reservoir and the fluid level is almost at the maximum level. There is no evidence of a leak in the braking system.

The brake pads of the front wheels were replaced just four months ago. What could the problem be?

Ying Mak, Cupertino, Calif.

Your letter shot right to the top of my to-do list as this is a serious problem. I believe the cause of your sinking brake pedal is a faulty master cylinder, and the symptoms might worsen quickly.

Your master cylinder is the hydraulic actuator attached (indirectly) to the brake pedal.

This part converts mechanical force into hydraulic pressure, which is delivered to each wheel's brake caliper or wheel cylinder via tubes and hoses.

There, it's converted back to mechanical force to apply the brake pads or shoes

against their friction surface. I believe the master cylinder cup (internal seal) and valve are sure internally, back to the This is why no external fluid repaired immediately.

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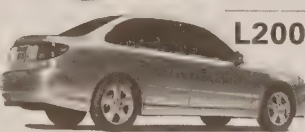
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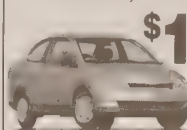
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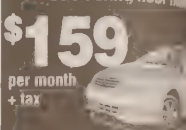
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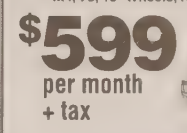
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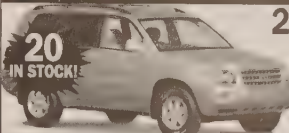
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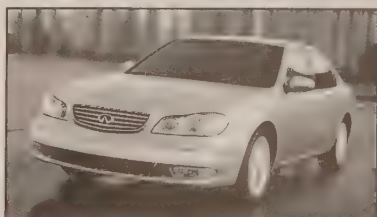


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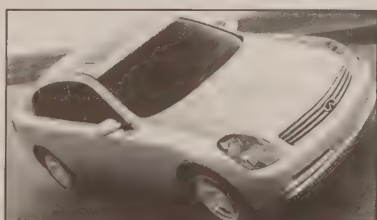
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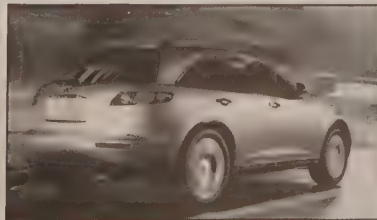


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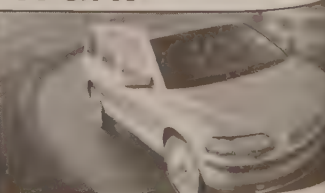


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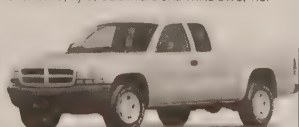
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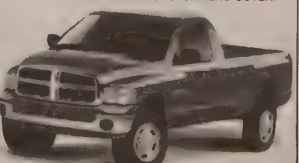
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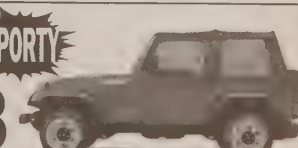
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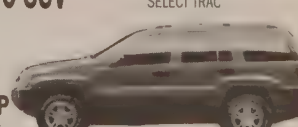
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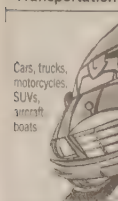
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Parsley, sage, rosemary and a good thyme cooking

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AKRON, Ohio — They came with platters and bowls of aromatic food. There was basil, rosemary, focaccia bread and buttery shortbread topped with sweet mascarpone cheese and thyme-infused honey. The herb experts turned their attention to the loaded table was with herbs.

Just as any herbs, either. The herbs had cooked with five popular herbs — the herbs that you are wondering what to do with now.

do you use a clump of the size of an azalea bush? do you pull out your flowering plants by the roots, before they get any cooler?

The experts came to the dinner with answers. They each brought one herb and brought tips for using and preparing it — along with lots of food.

and enjoy the fresh parsley in your garden, advises Cathy Gray of Cuyahoga Falls, who lectures groups on herbs through her home-based Herb Garden. Parsley can be picked well into winter, she said, even bunched back the year after it's planted, but must be re-planted the following year.

As you like to make dried herbs for soup, don't bother with parsley for the winter. Parsley is its fresh, bright flavor, which is lost in dried. There's no need to settle for second-best when fresh parsley is available all winter long in markets, Manus-Gray said.

The same goes for cilantro and other herbs, such as chives and dill, that lose flavor when preserved.

To pick parsley, cut the stems at ground level. Tender parsley shoots will grow back.

Manus-Gray's favorite way to use parsley at this time of year is to toss it with hot pasta and a sauce of garlic and olive oil. She shared her recipe.

PASTA WITH PARSLEY AND GARLIC SAUCE

12 ounces penne pasta
7 tablespoons olive oil
6 cloves garlic, minced
1 large red bell pepper, sliced into thin strips
2 cups thinly sliced mushrooms
1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
Salt, pepper
Cook pasta in boiling, salted water until tender.

While the pasta cooks, heat 1 tablespoon of the oil in a small saucepan and sauté the garlic until softened but not brown.

Drain the pasta and return to the pot. Stir in the bell pepper and mushrooms. Add remaining 6 tablespoons oil, the garlic, parsley, salt and pepper. Mix thoroughly. Serve on warm plates.
Serves 4.

Sage

An apple cake seasoned with sage and a glorious salad of nuts, vegetables, herbs and cheese were Jan Becker's contributions to the feast. Both were outstanding.

Becker owns Cottage Garden Herb Farm in Springfield Township, Ohio, where she not only grows and sells herbs and vegetable plants but also teaches classes in herb cooking throughout the year.

Sage is a favorite subject because it is so loathed by many of her students. Becker loves a challenge.

"I get a lot of negativity about sage," Becker said.

That's before they taste the mild

flavor of fresh sage, and crunch on the crisp sage that Becker makes by frying fresh leaves in butter — not to mention the apple cake and her endive salad with homemade herb cheese, pears, walnuts, fennel, beets and sage.

"Generally, when class is over, people go out and buy sage," Becker said.

Sage is another herb that can be harvested through December, or until the first long, hard freeze. The pronounced flavor of dried sage is useful in holiday cooking, though, so you might want to dry a few sprigs.

Snip off a few inches of the stem tips, not individual leaves, Becker advised. Bundle the stems together with rubber bands and hang to dry, then pluck the leaves and store in zippered plastic bags. Crumble the dried leaves for cooking.

Sage is a hardy perennial that can grow to bushlike proportions. Snipping off the new growth throughout the summer helps keep the sage in line.

Becker recommends aggressively pruning the sage plant in the spring and applying fertilizer. The main harvest for drying should be in midsummer, while the plant is still producing new growth. In the fall, sprigs may be plucked here and there but no major harvesting should be done, Becker said.

SAGE APPLE CAKE

2 cups flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1 cup packed brown sugar
14 tablespoons unsalted butter
2 eggs
1 tablespoon minced fresh sage
1 cup sage honey applesauce (recipe follows)
1 large, tart apple
1 tablespoon lemon juice

Sift together flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt and cinnamon. In another bowl, cream 12 tablespoons of the butter and sugar until fluffy. Beat in eggs and sage. Stir in applesauce. Carefully mix in dry ingredients a little at a time.

Grease bottom and sides of a small Bundt pan with the remaining 2 tablespoons butter. Peel and thinly slice the apple. Place layers of the apple on the bottom and sides of the pan. Carefully pour in the batter. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 to 40 minutes, until a toothpick inserted in the cake comes out clean. Cool about 1 hour before turning out on a plate.

SAGE HONEY APPLESAUCE

6 large, tart apples, cored and roughly chopped
1/3 cup honey
3 sage leaves
Place all ingredients in a saucepan and cook over low heat for 30 to 40 minutes, until apples are very soft. Remove sage leaves and strain through a food mill.

EASY HERB CHEESE

1 quart whole milk
1 cup buttermilk
2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice
2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh sage
Salt, white pepper
Combine milk, buttermilk and lemon juice in a medium pot and bring to 112 degrees over low heat. Use an instant-read thermometer for accuracy. Cook without simmering until the liquid separates into solid curds and whey, 45 to 60 minutes. Remove from heat.

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PASTA WITH PARSLEY AND GARLIC SAUCE. Sage Apple Cake with herb garnish are just two of the delicious dishes prepared by five herb experts.



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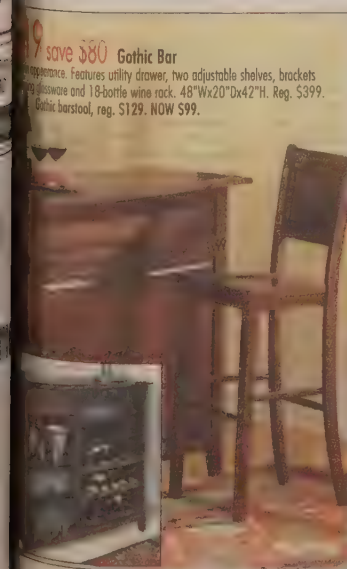
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Herbs

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Scoop out solids with a slotted spoon and place in a fine-meshed sieve or colander lined with cheesecloth. Draw the corners of the cloth around the solids and tie the cloth. Gently twist to extract as much liquid as possible.

Place the packet of curds back in the colander and place over a bowl. Refrigerate until the mixture is thick and the liquid has drained away, about 30 minutes. Twist again to extract more liquid.

Remove the cheese from the cloth and place in a bowl. Stir in the sage and season with salt and pepper. Refrigerate until ready to use.

HARVEST SALAD

2 medium beets, cooked and peeled
3 tablespoons whole-grain mustard
3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
¾ cup olive oil
1 tablespoon chopped shallots
1 tablespoon chopped fresh rosemary

1 tablespoons chopped fresh sage

Salt, pepper
2 cups julienned Belgian endive
1 cup julienned fennel bulb
1 pear, cored and thinly sliced
¾ cup coarsely chopped, lightly toasted walnuts

Homemade herb cheese
Cut beets in slices, then in thin strips. Set aside.

In a small bowl, whisk together the mustard and lemon juice. Slowly whisk in oil. Whisk in shallots, rosemary, sage, salt and pepper.

In a large bowl, toss the beets, endive, fennel, pear and walnuts with the dressing to lightly coat. Divide among 4 plates. Sprinkle ¼ cup of the cheese over each salad. Makes 4 servings.



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Rosemary

This woody, Mediterranean herb occasionally survives a mild winter, but rosemary lovers in cold climates should lug their plants indoors to avoid disaster. A rosemary plant can live for years, demanding larger and larger pots — and more muscle each year to move them around.

Rosemary plants thrive on little water. Most people kill them with misguided kindness, said Judi Strauss of Cleveland, who has written two herb books and conducts herb classes.

Winter or summer, rosemary should be watered sparingly once a week, Strauss said. The needle-like leaves are harvested by cutting the stems at the new growth or further toward the tip of the stem, depending on how much rosemary is needed. Don't just pluck off the needles.

Strauss prefers using fresh

rosemary in dishes such as the fragrant rosemary focaccia she brought to share. Almost all herbs taste best fresh or frozen, she said, although she does dry some herbs to use in seasoning blends.

"My first choice is fresh, the second choice is frozen and the third choice is dried," Strauss said.

At the end of summer, when the rosemary bushes are lush, Strauss makes rosemary-cranberry vine-

gar and throws branches of rosemary on coals to perfume grilled meats and salmon. Dried rosemary branches and bundles of a variety of dried herbs may be tossed into fireplaces in the winter to scent the house.

Strauss recommended bringing potted rosemary inside for the winter when the daytime temperature is the same inside and out — about 72 to 75 degrees in most homes.

Strauss air-dries rosemary for her herb mixes, but rosemary and other herbs also may be dried in an old-fashioned way she describes in her books, "The Charmed Kitchen" and "The Charmed Garden." Layer herbs and salt in a box, making sure the leaves are covered. The herbs will dry in a few weeks and may then be removed from the box. Rinse under water before using. The herbs will soften and may be used as fresh.

ROSEMARY FOCACCIA

4 to 4 ½ cups flour
1 envelope quick-rising yeast
1 tablespoon sugar
2 teaspoons salt
1 ¾ cups hot water
2 tablespoons olive oil
2 tablespoons fresh rosemary
2 cloves garlic, minced
In a medium bowl combine 2 cups of the flour, yeast, sugar and salt. Add hot water and stir until a

smooth batter forms. Stir in remaining ingredients and enough flour to form a soft, sticky dough.

Gather dough into a ball and place in a greased bowl. Turn dough to grease all sides. Cover with a towel and let rise at room temperature for about 30 minutes, until doubled in bulk.

Punch down dough and place on the work surface. Turn bowl upside-down over dough and let rest for 10 minutes. With oiled fingers, pat dough into greased, 11-by-16-inch jelly-roll or baking pans. Cover and let rest 10 minutes.

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Add mirrors: Mirrors visually expand any space. If the room is too rectangular and seems too narrow, arrange the furniture in a square shape away from the walls. Mirror the narrow wall to reflect the room arrangement.

Don't overcrowd: Choose a few good furniture pieces with clean lines and take away clutter. One large piece can be the focal point of the room. This piece can be a sofa, armchair or even two love seats opposite a large coffee table.

Color coordinate: Use one color on all furniture, rugs and walls. To avoid being monotonous, select different shades of the chosen color. Use a contrasting color, like a darker shade of the natural, for all wood trim. Then, add paintings or prints to the walls. One large painting makes a greater impact than a group of small paintings.

Arrangements: If you want to create seating for six in a small living room, you might consider a love seat in place of a full-size sofa. Add two medium-size cushioned chairs and two small occasional wood chairs to fit on either side of a window or desk. These chairs can be pulled over to become part of an intimate seating arrangement when needed.

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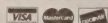
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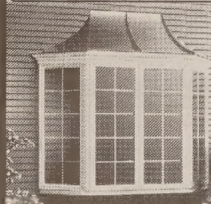
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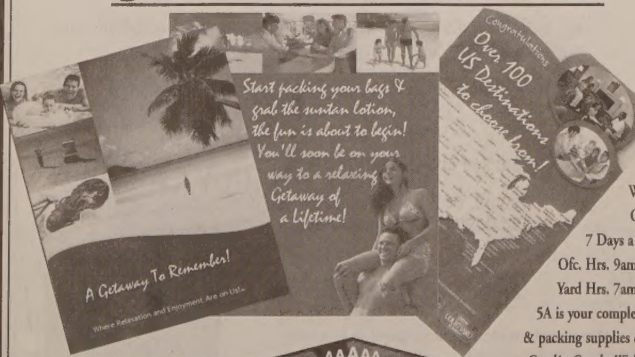
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Herb guide: harvest, preserve and uses

NIGHT RIDER NEWSPAPERS

Annual: All summer long, stems just above a pair of leaves.

Final harvest: Before temperatures drop to about 40 degrees; stems are delicate. The quality of the herbs is best as the weather cools, and the best harvesting time is mid-summer.

Preserve: Puree with olive oil to make a paste. Freeze in freezer bags and pat flat. Break off chunks to use. Or use in ice-cube trays and transfer to freezer bags.

Uses: Serve uncooked over tomatoes, stirred into sautéed onions, in vinaigrette salad dressings.

Annual (plant every two years): Harvest: Cut stems at ground level.

Annual: Can grow into dense bush in many climates, as long as there is no prolonged freeze.

Preserve: Not recommended for the flavor pales; buy fresh from the winter in supermarkets.

Annual: The mild, grassy flavor is best with most savory foods. In the winter to add freshness to vegetables and bottled or made salad dressings.

Annual: All summer long and in the fall, snap off branches at 4 or 5 leaves from the tips.

Annual: The main harvest should be midsummer; harvesting after early fall, small quantities may be available all winter long.

Preserve: Hang branches to dry; pluck leaves and store in containers; or freeze leaves in ice cube trays.

Uses: In poultry stuffings, tucked into chickens before roasting; season homemade soups, with wild game.

Annual: Harvest if winter is mild or plant in the fall.

is brought indoors
To harvest: Pinch off stems at new growth.

Final harvest: Before first frost.
To preserve: Fasten the stems together with rubber bands and hang to dry, or freeze bits in ice cubes for a fresh flavor.

Uses: The flavor is strong, so use sparingly with chicken, lamb, pork and cubed, roasted potatoes.

Thyme

Perennial
To harvest: Pinch off tips of stems.

Final harvest: Anytime during the summer, pick a few branches to dry; fresh may be picked all winter long.

To preserve: Fasten stems with rubber bands and hang upside down to dry.

Uses: Goes well with most savory foods. Use in dressings, soups and stews, sprinkle over cooked vegetables and use as a mild alternative to sage in turkey stuffing.

Herbs and spices trivia

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Most of the herbs and spices that are commonly used in today's kitchens come from plants that were native to the tropical Far East, Eurasia and the

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